



IHaveaPlanIowa Scenarios

1) Beginning to Think About Careers

Logan is very bright, but has difficulty concentrating in classroom situations. He is unsure about his career goals. He loves math and chemistry because they are reality-based -- he can see the results quickly and prove he is right. He also likes mechanics and tinkering with electronics.

Logan plays the flute and thinks he would like to be a musician. However, he values money and feels that music would not allow him to earn a lot of money.

How could Logan use IHaveaPlanIowa to find careers meeting his expectations?

2) Considering Dropping Out of School

Jane is struggling with her academic studies. She is discouraged and is thinking of dropping out because she finds her studies so difficult. Jane says that she works best in situations where she does not have to be the leader and where she is able to see what she has accomplished. She is interested in working with people and has done some volunteer work at the local senior's home. It makes her feel good to help others. She likes talking with the elderly and helping them to do crafts. One of her hobbies is woodworking and she has even sold some dollhouses to family friends.

Jane's aptitude tests show that she has above-average ability in manual dexterity, hand-eye coordination and spatial ability. She loves drafting, but has difficulty doing geometry. Jane is a hard worker who applies herself as long as she enjoys what she is doing.

How could Jane use IHaveaPlanIowa to find careers matching her skills and interests?

3) Unrealistic Approach to Career Goal

Fred is interested in becoming an engineer. However, he is currently failing his physics course. Although he has received counseling and all the best information available, he still refuses to accept the fact that he will need to improve in this area to meet the requirements of his career goal.

When asked why he wants to be an engineer, Fred says that he wants to make a lot of money and have a job at the end of his training. He has heard there is a need for engineers where he lives. He really does not want to go to college because he does not like studying. He would rather take motors apart.

How could Fred use IHaveaPlanIowa to find careers matching his education goals?



4) Peer Pressure Regarding Career Choice

Harry is good with numbers and is sure he wants to be an accountant. However, other people have told him that this career is boring, and now he is beginning to doubt his dream. Working with IHaveaPlanIowa is a course requirement. At this point, he is stuck between his plan and the doubts his peers have planted. What should he do?

How could Harry use IHaveaPlanIowa to learn more about the work involved in being an accountant?

5) Combining Physical Limitations With Career Interests

Althea is looking for advice about which occupation she should pursue. Since she is physically challenged, she wants to avoid occupations that require her to do heavy lifting or use her hands. She loves computers as they allow her to write with her pointer stick.

A cheerful person, Althea delights in writing about the funny things in life. She knows that she would love to use her writing abilities because it would be something that she could do by herself. She would prefer to avoid working in damp and noisy conditions, and would prefer a job that would give her lots of different things to do because she gets bored easily.

How could Althea use IHaveaPlanIowa to find careers she would enjoy?