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CLASSES

What subjects or activities are you most passionate about in school?

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HOBBIES

Are there any hobbies or things you love doing that you think could become your job one day?

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CAMPUS VISIT

Think about a college you may have visited or seen pictures of online. What did you like most about the college? Would you go to school there?

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ROLE MODEL

Who are your role models or people you admire? What do you find inspiring about them? Do they have careers that interest you?

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COLLEGE MAJOR

Are there any college subjects or programs you've heard about that you think would be cool to explore more?

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SKILLS

What types of jobs are you interested in? What skills or qualities do they have in common?

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INFLUENCE

How do you think the things you enjoy and are good at right now might affect the jobs you might want in the future?

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POSITIVE IMPACT

What jobs or careers are focused on helping people or making a positive impact on the world? Do these careers interest you?

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FEARS

Do you have any concerns or fears about the transition from middle school to high school and eventually to college and the workforce?

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A DAY IN THE LIFE

Can you imagine what a typical day might look like in a career you're interested in? What tasks do you think you would enjoy the most?

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SUPPORT

What resources or support do you think you'll need to help explore and pursue your college or career goals?

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JOB SHADOW

Have you ever done any job shadowing or career exploration activities? What did you learn from those experiences?

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CAREERS

Are there any family members or friends whose careers you find interesting? What about their jobs intrigues you?

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CHALLENGES

What do you think are the biggest challenges you might face when choosing a college or career path?

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ACTIVITIES

Are there any extracurricular activities or clubs at school that you're involved in that could relate to a potential future career?

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PASSION

Love or Money? How important do you think it is to choose a job you love compared to picking one just because it makes sense practically?

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EXPLORE

Are there any industries or fields that you're curious about exploring further? What draws you to those areas?

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INNOVATION

How do you think technology and innovation might shape the future job market? Are there any emerging fields or trends that interest you?

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LEAST FAVORITE

What is your least favorite class in school? Are there any careers that are related to that class that you might not be interested in pursuing?

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INDOOR OUTDOOR

Indoor or Outdoor, what type of career sounds interesting to you a job where you work indoors or a job where you spend out outside?

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About Conversation Cards:

The ASPIRE Conversation Cards are designed to help middle and high school students explore their future career aspirations. Questions aim to stimulate thought, discussion, and self-reflection regarding interests and career goals.

Educators (Classroom use):

1. Choose cards that align with lesson plan (or simply use as an entry task)
2. Decide if done in pairs, small groups, or as class discussion
3. Explain purpose and give examples
4. Distribute cards, take turns reading and responding, encourage follow-up questions
5. Summarize discussion and reflections

Students (Use together):

1. Shuffle the deck for game play
2. Each player takes turns drawing and answering questions
3. Listen actively & respectfully
4. Players can ask follow-up questions to keep conversation going
5. Rotate the deck after each play & continue until through set of cards or a set time

Mentors & Students:

1. Select cards relevant to student's interest & goals
2. Explain purpose: open communication, build rapport, & encourage personal growth
3. Allow students to respond & listen actively
4. Share own thoughts & experiences
5. Encourage deeper exploration with follow-up questions
6. Reflect on insights gained and set goals together