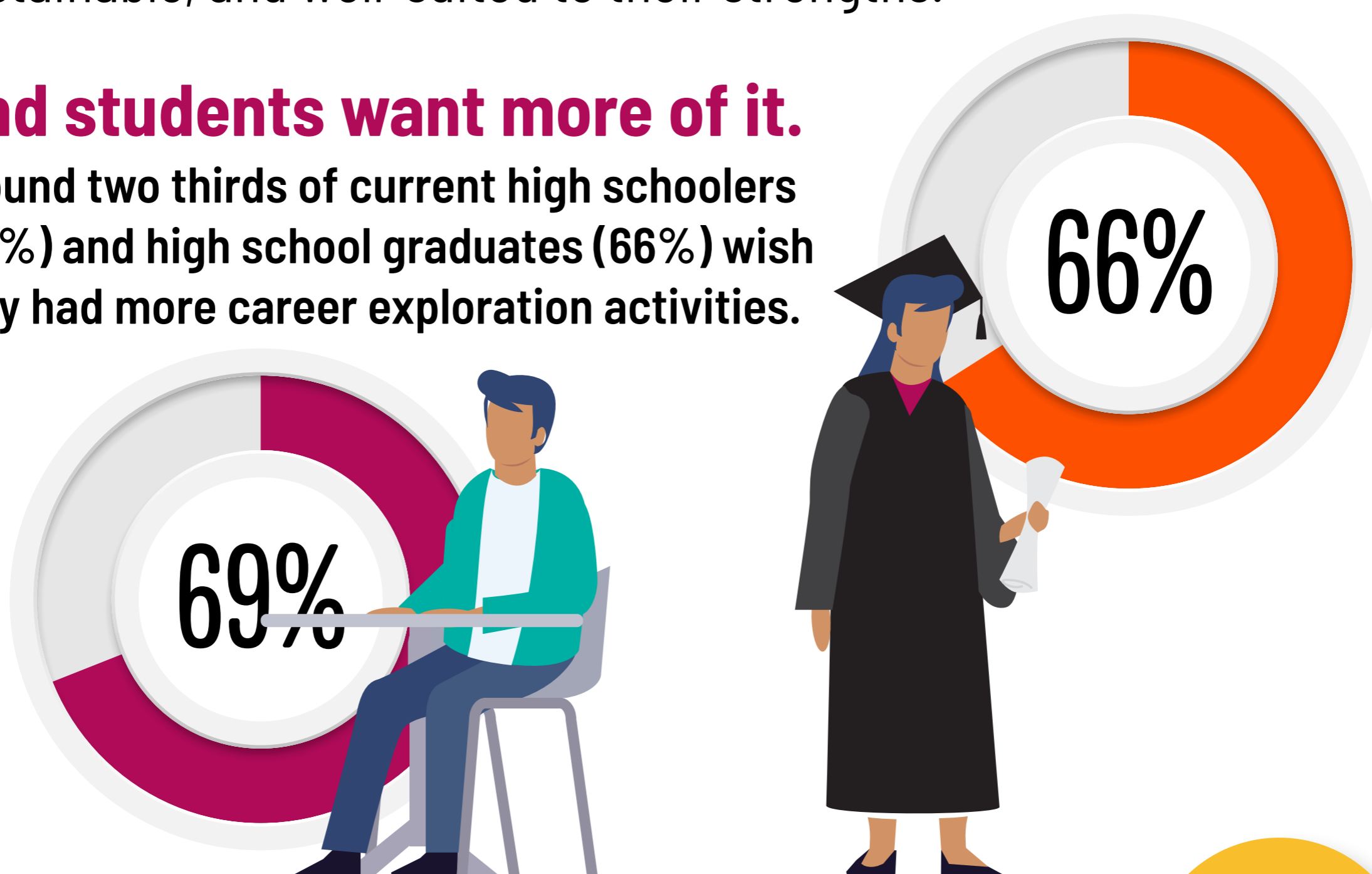


How to Support Students through the 4 Stages of Career Exploration

Career exploration connects your classrooms to students' future workplaces. By empowering students to make informed decisions about their future, you can guide them toward pursuing careers that are fulfilling, sustainable, and well-suited to their strengths.

And students want more of it.

Around two thirds of current high schoolers (69%) and high school graduates (66%) wish they had more career exploration activities.



1 Personal Discovery



Help students reflect on their interests, values, skills, talents, and goals. If you could spend a whole day doing any activity, what would it be and why?

Questions to ask:

- If you could spend a day doing any activity, what would it be?
- What activities or tasks do people say you're really good at?
- Think about a time you overcame a challenge. What skills did you use?
- If you could solve one big problem in the world, what would it be?
- Imagine your ideal future. What does a happy, successful life involve?

2 Career Awareness



Introduce students to a wide range of modern career paths, along with the skills, experiences, and academic pathways required of each.

Activities to engage students in:

- Career fairs (virtual or in-person)
- Guest speakers and videos
- Industry tours and field trips
- Research projects
- Presentations on the National Career Clusters® Framework

3 Career Evaluation



Help students analyze specific occupations, industries, and career pathways to assess how well they fit students' goals, preferences, and lifestyles.

Activities that foster career evaluation:

- Informational interviews with working professionals
- Pros and cons analyses
- Vision boards
- Job shadowing
- Labor market research

4 Career Preparation



Enable students to build the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to successfully pursue a chosen career path.

Activities to integrate into career-connected learning:

- Internships, apprenticeships, and entrepreneurship projects
- Portfolio development
- Mock interviews and resume workshops
- Soft skills training
- College and career planning sessions

Effective career exploration is not a one-time special event.

Equipping students with the tools, knowledge, and confidence to pursue fitting career pathways requires continuous learning and discovery integrated into the everyday school experience.

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