

When I Grow Up

Content Adaptations to use our Curriculum in Your State or Region

The When I Grow Up curriculum is designed to deliver Labor Market Information about the 13-county Gulf Coast region of Texas to students in Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grades.

While the content of our curriculum is our regional labor market information, including a focus on our High Skill High Growth professions and industries, much of the content and instructional tools can be used to deliver age-appropriate lessons about jobs to students as early as Pre-Kindergarten in any region.

Below are some of the instructional adaptations that would need to occur to assist this process:

1. We reference a number of local data resources that you would need to acquire in your area to make the information locally relevant:

Labor Market Information Resources	Content
High Skill High Growth Jobs data	Information on our 5 HSHG industries and the 39 HSHG occupations within these industries including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a brief job description• median wage,• current number of jobs,• projected available jobs by 2020,• growth percentage,• annual growth rate; and,• minimum education level required for entry-level opportunities in each job
Focus On Profiles	More in-depth explorations of our HSHG industries and occupations including detail on the job duties of each occupation, suggested HS course outlines, local educational institutions training in and companies hiring in each area, and labor market data pertaining to industries hiring each occupation
Department of Labor Occupation Videos	A series of hundreds of Fair Use videos providing a brief snapshot of various occupations in the workforce – this would be directly transferrable to your needs
WIGU Career Map	Some of our lessons refer to and/or directly require use of our interactive career map, located in our curriculum resources online. The map is simply a graphic representation to links for 12 of the above-mentioned DOL videos. You can construct your own web graphic (map) or simply use links to videos of your choice. If an Interactive Career Map is not customized to targeted occupations in your local area, K-1: Lesson 1 and 2-3: Lesson 1 would need additional adaptations or might have to be disregarded.

2. Our lesson plan structure begins with applicable TEKS objectives in different content areas. TEKS, or Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, are the content area core competencies delineated by grade level. You can find applicable content area standards for your state, apply any preferred national standards, or define learning outcomes based on your local needs.

3. Many of the lessons refer to 12 occupations which we have chosen to target in our region based on projected needs. You are welcome to adapt the lessons to accommodate targeted occupations in your local area.
4. Lessons 1, 2, and 3 for Grades 4-5 specifically address the geography and labor market data of Texas. The intent of the lessons is to address unique challenges and opportunities in the Texas labor market. You might find this content design valuable to your area and may therefore choose to adapt accordingly.

To acquire the data you would need for these and other lessons, we recommend beginning at the Career One Stop (<http://www.careeronestop.org/>) website and following these instructions:

- Once at the website, find the **More Resources** drop down box in the upper right hand corner of the screen. Select “America’s Career Infonet” and click “Go”.
- Click on the “State Information” link near the center of the page.
- On the next page, click on “Labor Market Information”.
- Select your state in the scroll box and click Continue. You will be directed to a series of online resources to inform your Labor Market data needs.

Lesson 4 in the Grade 4-5 curriculum is easily adaptable to any area as it requires the student to do individual research to support their assertions.

Other Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **I really like the When I Grow Up characters, but I notice you don’t have some occupations that are relevant in our area. How can we get these?**

You are welcome to use what we have in our curriculum. Our workforce board invested in developing the specific characters we use to serve our labor market needs.

2. **How do I get all of these great lessons and worksheets?**

All of our When I Grow Up lessons and blackline masters with instructional support material are available online at www.wrksolutions.com/whenigrowup

We welcome you to view and download anything you might use. All we ask is that you send us a note to tell us you’re using it. We love pictures, video, and testimonial to share successes. E-mail us at whenigrowup@wrksolutions.com

3. **We love this curriculum! Can someone come out to train our counselors and teachers?**

No, unfortunately, we do not have the personnel resources available to accommodate training requests at this time. Currently our resources restrict us to serving school districts in our geographic region.