

Parents - your role in your child's choice of direction



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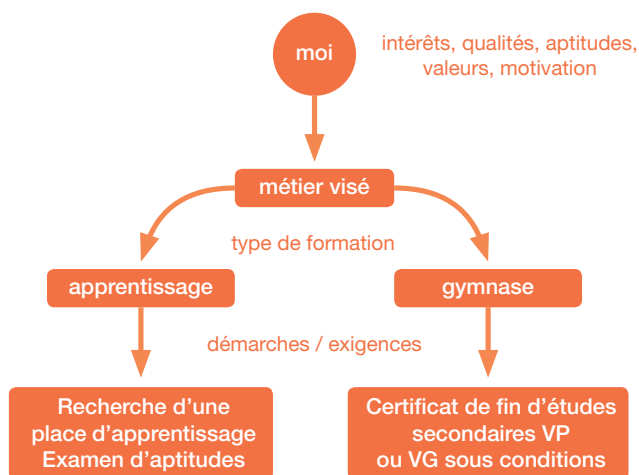
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In two years time, your child will leave compulsory education to enter vocational training or high school (*gymnase*).

Knowing your child's interests, personality and strengths, you can support him/her in seeking a job or further education, with help from the school and the guidance service.

In the coming months, your child will be learning about different jobs and discovering the world of work. You can encourage his/her research and initiatives and share questions and thoughts

Your help will also be invaluable at the point that he/she draws up an education/training plan. A successful plan is a combination of factors including your child's personality, the intended career and the requirements for entry to the course or the labour market.



A choice for life?

Preferences and interests change over a lifetime. There is continuous progress in all areas of society and new professions are emerging all the time. The Swiss education and training system offers a high degree of permeability between different pathways. Solid basic education and training is always a springboard for future development.

Making the right career decision can take time. With your help, it will be easier.

Be informed

Support your child in learning about jobs and education/training programmes:

Brochure

La Formation postobligatoire dans le canton de Vaud (Education and training after school-leaving age in the Canton of Vaud)

www.vd.ch/orientation

Internet

Mobile

m.vd.ch/metiers

CIEP

Free access to information in the Regional Guidance Centres

Info-Métiers

Meetings with employers, by appointment

Salon des métiers

Careers Fair, free entry, every autumn

Be self-aware

You are familiar with your child's interests, you know his/her personality, strengths and motivation. You can talk about them, and help him/her make the most of them

Choose a direction

Talk to your child about your experience of the world of work, and support him/her in making a successful education/training plan.

- You could ask your friends, colleagues, and acquaintances to help. They might be able to offer work experience, or an apprenticeship,
- You could review his/her personal statement.
- Practise an interview.
- Help prepare him/her for the requirements of education/training and a career.

At every stage, you and your child can count on the support of the school and careers guidance.

You can make an appointment to see the guidance counsellors at school. The interviews are free of charge.

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AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
		Open days	Careers Fair Open days Info-Métiers
DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Open days Info-Métiers	Open days Info-Métiers	Open days Info-Métiers	
APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY

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AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
	Apprenticeship opportunities online	Open days	Careers Fair Open days Info-Métiers
DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Open days Info-Métiers	Open days Info-Métiers Registration and entrance exams Application to high school (<i>gymnase</i>) Application for catch-up classes (<i>rac I and II</i>)	Open days Info-Métiers Apprenticeship evening Registration and entrance exams	Registration and entrance exams T1 application (transition support)
APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY

Support from the school and the guidance service

VG (General Stream)

Students in the General Stream discover a new discipline: the approach to the world of work (AMP). Materials prepared by the Cantonal Office of Education and Careers Guidance help them learn about careers and training, and improve self-awareness. They will also learn how to draft a letter of application an effective CV and how to apply for their chosen career.

VP (Preparation for the *Gymnase*)

Students preparing for the *gymnase* can register for guidance workshops led by their school's guidance counsellor (COSP), to learn about education/ training programmes and what they can lead to.

Information delivered to VG students in class is available to VP students online (www.vd.ch/orientation) or at the regional Centre for Information on Education and Careers (CIEP).

Your child's programme

You can accompany your child to most guidance events, shown in bold in the calendar.

A number of other events will mark the next two years. Here are some of them, which you can note above:

- Guidance workshops at the school - registration required (VP)
- Interview with the guidance counsellor (COSP), by appointment
- Visit to the regional Centre for Information on Education and Careers (CIEP), freely available.
- Work experience or introductory course at the *Ecole de métiers* (technical training college)
- Aptitude tests for vocational training
- Recruitment interview