

First 10 Days with SkillsUSA Pathful

Day-by-Day Plan for Getting Started

Use this guide to introduce your students to SkillsUSA Pathful over a 10-day period. All lessons and features are ready-to-use and flexible for any classroom.



Login Instructions

- Go to pathful.skillsusa.org
- Search for your chapter, then enter your login credentials
- **Tip:** Bookmark your chapter-specific login page
- Need help? Contact SkillsUSA Customer Care: 844-875-4557 customercare@skillsusa.org

Track your 10-day progress.

DAY 1 Platform Exploration

Have students log in and explore their dashboards. Show the SkillsUSA Technical Standards and preview what they'll use the platform for. You can also choose to pre-assign a technical standard to your members to complete.

DAY 2 Lifestyle Calculator

Invite Student members to take the Lifestyle Calculator and Interest Survey assessments. These assessments provide a foundational knowledge of self that will help to inform career exploration on Day-3.

DAY 3 Career Interest Assessment

Assign "Careers and YOUR Interests" from the Middle School or High School track. Students complete the interest assessment and explore related Career Profiles.

For College/Postsecondary members, consider assigning the Skills Assessment as an alternative.

DAY 4 Career Journaling

Ask students to view 3-5 Career Profiles and complete Career Journals based on interest, earnings, job outlook, and education. Once the career journal has been completed, take the "Career Check" quiz.

DAY 5 SkillsUSA Framework Connection

Have students complete the Essential Elements Self-Assessment to identify their greatest areas for growth. Based on the results, assign the corresponding SkillsUSA Framework Essential Element E-Module to individual students, your class, or the chapter as a whole. These short, self-paced modules are designed to strengthen personal, workplace, and technical skills while supporting leadership growth.

DAY 6

Goal Setting

Use the Goal-Setting Tool on the student dashboard. Encourage students to set at least two short-term and two long-term SMART goals. These goals can be academic goals, or goals that are more focused on an individual's career readiness/career search process.

DAY 7

Resume Building

Assign "Building Your Resume." Connect this to future career competitions, officer elections or job shadowing experiences.

DAY 8

Real-World Connections

Schedule a virtual guest speaker using SkillsUSA Pathful's Live Industry Connections feature. Ask students to prep questions in advance. [How to Create a WBL Session on SkillsUSA Pathful.](#)



DAY 9

Work-Based Learning Introduction

Use the WBL Toolkit and introduce "Workplace Readiness" lessons. Discuss reflection tools and community engagement.

For College/Postsecondary, engage students through a self-guided Work-Based Learning toolkit designed to build mentoring relationships, foster entrepreneurial thinking, strengthen occupational identity, and support the development of skills that promote career readiness.

DAY 10

Reflection + Survey

Assign the "SkillsUSA Beginning of Year Survey" or use a custom reflection activity. Gather baseline data for ongoing growth.

Post-Plan Follow-Up

Use **My Data** and **My Reports** in your teacher dashboard to monitor student progress, engagement, and insights to tailor future learning experiences.

Implementation Guides

These guides offer sample sequences of career exploration activities by grade, pairing focus questions with representative learning experiences. Beginning with identifying student career interests, they support both teacher-led and student-driven exploration within the platform's "Career" section. With SkillsUSA Pathful, you have the tools and resources needed to meet your learners' career readiness goals.

■ [Middle School](#)



■ [High School](#)



Additional Tools and Support

- **Resource Center:** Unlock the full potential of SkillsUSA Pathful with our extensive library of user resources, to include planning guides, training opportunities, case studies, and more!
- **Accessibility Tools:** Our Accessibility menu, found in the top right dropdown menu for all student and professional members, allows individuals to modify the layout of the SkillsUSA Pathful site to best meet their needs. Options within this menu include language modifications, text size and spacing, read aloud functionality, among other helpful tools.
- **Professional Development:** Learn more about SkillsUSA Professional Development Opportunities, including training on SkillsUSA Pathful at pd.skillsusa.org

