

Grade 9 Rationalized Social Studies Notes

Strand 1.0 Social Studies and Career Development

Sub-Strand 1.1 Pathway Choices

Meaning of a Career Path

- A **career path** is a series of jobs or occupations one undertakes to achieve long-term career goals.
- It often begins with education or training in a specific area of interest.
- Career paths guide learners in choosing subjects and opportunities aligned with future professions.

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Factors to Consider in Selecting a Pathway

- **Personal interests and strengths** – learners should choose what they enjoy and excel in.

- **Career goals** – think long-term about where one wants to be in 5–10 years.
 - **Academic performance** – one's performance can determine eligibility for certain pathways.
 - **Availability of learning institutions** – ensure the pathway is supported by nearby schools or training centres.
 - **Parental/guardian guidance** – input from family may help align pathway choices with reality and support.
 - **Labour market trends** – consider careers that are in demand both locally and internationally.
 - **Cost and accessibility** – some pathways may require more resources than others.
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Requirements for the Social Sciences Pathway (Senior School – per KICD and MoE Kenya)

- The **Social Sciences pathway** is one of three main pathways offered in senior school, alongside **STEM** and **Arts and Sports Science**.
- Learners interested in this pathway typically choose it after completing lower secondary (Junior School).