



Meet Catalina

Catalina is interested in studying medicine. She enjoys studying the human body, working with people, and technology, and believes she may want to become a radiologist.

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Example: School of Health & Public Safety



Growing up, Catalina's father was a nurse and her mother was a translator for the local hospital. Inspired by their devotion to helping people in medical crises, Catalina feels naturally drawn to the medical field and would like to explore what possible career options are available to her.

In elementary school, Catalina demonstrates academic ability in math and science. She takes a particular interest in the field of biology. She joins the school's run club to keep her mind and body active.

In middle school, Catalina begins to study potential career fields around her interests, including health, nursing, technology, medicine, and radiology. Through her studies, she learns about the traits needed to succeed in these fields, as well as the schooling needed, opportunities for advancement, and possible incomes. She continues participating in running through track and cross country.

After examining career options, Catalina determines that she wants to study the medical field and seeks to become a radiologist.

When Catalina reaches the 10-12 grade campus, she decides to pursue her studies within the **School of Health & Public Safety**.

Here, Catalina will experience curriculum that is taught to the required standards, but in a way that is meaningful to her passion and goals. What this may mean is that her studies will strongly focus on Health, Science and Technology, and she may learn English Language Arts through medical journals, for example. Her electives may include psychology and sociology, where she will learn tools to help in her future career. Since she is learning the required standards at each grade level, if she decides to change between grade levels, she can transition to a different school of study. She'll have the safety of exploring while still in high school.

In addition to her traditional principal, counselor, and teachers, Catalina will be supported by a business dean and a business advisory group who will ensure she is receiving an education that puts her ahead in her industry. This team will help Catalina receive hands-on experience through job shadowing, internships, and work-study.

After the completion of her work-study at a local hospital, Catalina is more certain than ever that she would like to work as a radiologist, with a focus in pediatric medicine. She plans on continuing her formal education at a local college.