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Wauneta-Palisade eighth grade students listen to McCook Community College career specialist Brandon Lenhart Tuesday. (Diane Stamm | The Wauneta Breeze)

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Seventeen eighth grade students at Wauneta-Palisade took time out of their day Tuesday for McCook Community College career specialist Brandon Lenhart's Career Exploration Program presentation.

Lenhart walked the students through a 20-minute Self Directed Search to determine the students' skills, work values, interests and aspirations.

The Self Directed Search pairs students' skills and interests to specific jobs, careers, occupations, college majors, and fields of study.

Results from the test are in the form of Holland code and help students narrow down a field of interest based on John Holland's belief that there are six basic types of people and work environments, realistic, investigative, artistic, social, enterprising and conventional.

After reviewing the results of the SDS, Lenhart also spent time discussing job outlooks, salaries of different jobs and which classes students can take based on their scores.

Lenhart also uses the Nebraska Career Education Model. The model shows six Nebraska

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careers, including Health Sciences; Skilled and Technical Sciences; Communications and Information Systems; Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; Business, Marketing and Management; and Human Services and Education.