


STUDENT ACTIVATION

Truck Driver

CHS is the largest cooperative in the United States and one of the biggest names in **agronomy**, energy, and grain processing. CHS truck drivers spend their days making their customers' lives easier. Their customers include local farmers, ranchers, stores, gas stations, refineries, and other local cooperatives.

AGRONOMY: The science behind soil management and crop production.

TRUCK DRIVER?¹

Truck drivers act as connectors within the ag industry. They are the points of contact who move product carefully and efficiently between sellers and buyers, and they transport supplies from production facilities directly to customers. Truck drivers make it possible to keep rural America in business from before spring planting to after fall harvest!

IS TRUCK DRIVER A GOOD CAREER FOR ME?

Me	Truck Driver
I am generally safe and rarely take unnecessary risks or engage in dangerous behavior.	Truck drivers are concerned with safety.
I have a curious mind. I like to predict and solve big problems. I am "quick on my feet."	Truck drivers are skilled at solving problems quickly and finding solutions to sudden problems.
I am organized and perceptive. I like following directions and procedures step-by-step.	Truck drivers are attentive and pay attention to small details.
I am interested in school subjects like science. Farming and car mechanics interest me.	Truck drivers study agriculture, science, and auto-tech.
I enjoy public speaking, and I can easily explain things to others in ways they can understand.	Truck drivers are clear and friendly communicators.

¹ <https://www.agcareers.com/career-profiles/truck-driver.cfm>

How does this career help me?	How does this career help the world?
<p>Every time your family buys or consumes something produced by a member of CHS, they benefit from the work of a CHS truck driver. Whether running local or national routes, truck drivers work hard to get products to buyers and consumers safely and on time. They are friendly faces that connect agriculture to the people who benefit from it.</p>	<p>Truck drivers help make sure that America continues to have the safest and freshest food supply in the world. Their quick thinking, commitment to safety, and friendly communication skills keep America's agriculture businesses healthy and its people fed.</p>

What are some similar careers?
<p>Delivery drivers are responsible for carrying and delivering packages or other goods from a mail or distribution facility to their end destinations.</p> <p>Heavy equipment operators are specially trained to use heavy equipment like dump trucks, asphalt pavers, and steam rollers in construction and engineering projects.</p>

Here are ways to practice the skills to be a successful **truck driver**:

- Work to plan a long road trip with your family. Plan out exact departure and arrival times, times and locations for meal and bathroom breaks, etc. During the trip, keep a journal of how you feel, what you enjoy or don't enjoy, and your success at sticking to your itinerary.
- Build car and small engine models. Practice being exact, solving problems, and paying attention to small details.
- Explain how to complete a multi-step task to a classmate or younger family member. Practice being friendly and having efficient and effective communication skills.