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# Students not satisfied with their career choice



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When students make career choices they usually want 2 things:

- **to do something interesting**
- **to earn lot**



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**Students interests** influence the ways in which they spend the spare time and their choice of school and friends. For some, an interest is so important, that it is **the main influence on their career choice.**



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# Early influences

The pressure of “being” someone starts early in life. Children usually have their own dreams, but at some point their parents, peers and teachers start influencing their choices - often before young people exactly know what their predispositions and inclinations are.

# Parents expectations

Parents often have very high career expectations for their children, which some children cannot live up to. In some societies concern about disappointing one's parents is a tragedy the students cannot deal with. Therefore they often choose to do what parents want. This leads to dissatisfaction with the career choice.

# Peer pressure

At some point peers have huge influence on young peoples' decisions. Therefore it often happens that students choose a particular school not because they are interested in its professional profile, but simply because they want to follow their friends. This also results in their dissatisfaction with the chosen field.



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# Nobody to help

It also happens that young people do not have anyone to advise them well and in result they are dissatisfied with their choice. Since they can't choose properly they do something they don't like.

# Dissatisfaction begins...

Very often students come to vocational schools with the view that „**you do not have to learn a lot in a vocational school**”. When they begin the education it appears that they were wrong. In many cases they can't stand the pressure and **start to skip the lessons and stop learning**. The new reality becomes too difficult.





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Questioning the career choice is different from finding your school difficult or not liking your teachers and other students. But it isn't always easy to tell the difference between disliking a job and disliking your school environment.



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## **Career choice dissatisfaction is usually based on frustration** which comes out of different sources:

- Small problems at school
- Negative peer pressure
- Demanding teachers
- School facilities
- Overwork – too many things to learn
- Difficult things to learn



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- Lack of recognition of their identity
- Problems at home
- Lack of interests
- No information and professional help
- Inability to deal with stress and personal problems

# Students dissatisfied with career choice

## Przemek

Przemek could be a good student. Was interested in his field. His parents divorced, mum broke down, the father moved to another part of Poland. The boy started skipping lessons to travel/work with his dad (a truck driver). He left school before the end of the first class.



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# Marek

The boy didn't get enough points to get into Secondary Technical school. „Landed” in a vocational school. Tried to move to technical school but the teachers rejected his application. In result he lost his interest in studying and started quitting lessons. Currently he is in the 3rd class of vocational school and we are not sure if he will finish school this year .



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# Kamil

Kamil – a student interested in his field but overgrown by school responsibilities and negative influence of disruptive classmates. Left school in February this year.



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# Angelika

As a child she wanted to be a soldier or a sportswoman. She didn't want to be a teacher as her father. Her dad didn't find her childhood dreams serious. Instead he sent her to secondary music school. Finishing the school Angelika wanted to study psychology. Her father neglected her preferences again.

2 years after school graduation she started studying English. Now she is a teacher of English and she does sports for many years. She still considers studying psychology...



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# Happy future

- What to do, if someone is not happy with his choice?
- **It is possible for students to avoid dissatisfaction with career choice.** Before making important career decisions they should try to understand themselves, discover their interests and predispositions, look for help and different possibilities. They should also follow the voice of their intuition. Then they will be happy about their career choice.