



## Pioneer Gets State Money to Grow Environmental and Life Science Lessons – Greenfield Recorder

### Description

The Pioneer Valley Regional High School in Northfield is set to offer new courses in environmental and life sciences. This is thanks to a "Innovation Career Pathways" grant from the state. The school will get \$75,000 in the first year and \$50,000 for the next four years.

Starting in September, students can take technical and advanced courses. The school plans to use its large campus full of natural resources. This is to give students a real-life experience of these industries.

Scott Freniere, the school's Dean of Students, said that many students are planning to attend college. These courses would give them useful skills. He also believes it will attract more families to the school district.

By fall, this program will be available in a quarter of all high schools in Massachusetts. They expect around 8,000 students to join the program.

At Pioneer, students can learn about environmental and life sciences. The school has launched a club for students interested in how to take care of the land. This fits with the school's goal of getting students to spend more time outside learning.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Innovation** // (noun): The introduction of something new or different.
2. **Pathways** // (noun): A way or track laid down for walking or made by continual treading.
3. **Grant** // (noun): A sum of money given by a government or other organization for a particular purpose.
4. **Campus** // (noun): The grounds and buildings of a university or college.
5. **Industries** // (noun): Economic activity concerned with the processing of raw materials and manufacture of goods in factories.
6. **District** // (noun): An area of a country or city especially one regarded as a distinct unit because of a particular characteristic.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What type of situation requires immediate action to prevent harm?

- Option: Positive
- Option: Emergency ready
- Option: Special
- Option: Protected

2. Which term refers to the introduction of new ideas or methods?

- Option: Research
- Option: Innovation
- Option: Closed down
- Option: Economy

3. What instrument is used to observe distant objects?

- Option: Observatory
- Option: Telescope
- Option: X-Ray
- Option: Budget

4. What word describes a situation that is not definite or decided?



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- Option: Drastically  
Option: Harnessing  
Option: Potentially  
Option: Uncertain
5. Which term signifies advancement or improvement?  
Option: Support  
Option: Progress  
Option: Observatory  
Option: Economy
6. What is financial assistance provided for a specific purpose?  
Option: Campus  
Option: Grant  
Option: Shipments  
Option: Firms
7. Which term refers to the extreme limit of understanding or achievement in a particular area?  
Option: Industries  
Option: District  
Option: Frontier  
Option: Firms
8. Who is typically a person who has authority over others in a workplace?  
Option: Climate change  
Option: Revolution  
Option: Boss  
Option: Pathways
9. Which term refers to an area defined for a particular purpose or organization?  
Option: Industry  
Option: District  
Option: Support  
Option: Campus
10. A sudden complete or marked change. This term is known as:  
Option: Progress  
Option: Innovation  
Option: Revolution  
Option: Observatory



**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ play a vital role in the economic development of a country.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ is a significant environmental challenge we face today.
13. The rapid advancement of \_\_\_\_\_ has transformed various sectors.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial for discovering new knowledge and innovations.
15. Effective financial planning requires a well-defined \_\_\_\_\_.
16. The company experienced delays in its international \_\_\_\_\_ due to customs issues.
17. Global factors often influence the stability of the \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Companies that prioritize \_\_\_\_\_ are more likely to stay competitive.
19. Track your achievements to monitor your personal \_\_\_\_\_.
20. In times of need it's essential to seek emotional and practical \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Exploring different can lead to new opportunities and insights.
22. The company had to reduce its workforce to cut costs.
23. renewable energy sources is essential for a sustainable future.
24. Astronomers use the to study celestial objects.
25. Maintaining a attitude can improve overall well-being.
26. Celebrating achievements with a event made the occasion memorable.
27. Endangered species should be to ensure their survival.
28. in the tech sector are known for their innovative products.



29. The local bookstore due to declining sales.

30. Exploring the of science can lead to groundbreaking discoveries.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Emergency ready 2. Innovation 3. Telescope 4. Uncertain 5. Progress 6. Grant 7. Frontier 8. Boss 9. District 10. Revolution

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**Matching sentence:** 1. Pathways 2. Drastically 3. Harnessing 4. Observatory 5. Positive 6. Special 7. Protected 8. Firms 9. Closed down 10. Frontier

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