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HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR



In this episode, Cool Careers Correspondent Gwyn travels to MJE in Montezuma. She meets Gabriel, who shares what it's like to be a heavy equipment operator. Gwyn learns the importance of moving dirt in building structures and what kinds of machines are involved in the process. Plus, Gwyn gets to drive an excavator!

Heavy equipment operators drive, maneuver or control the heavy machinery used to construct roads, buildings and other structures.

Typical Education Required For This Job: HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

Episode Takeaways

Please respond to these questions using complete sentences.

1. How much does the world's largest excavator weigh?

2. Name at least two classes or activities Gabriel recommends for young people interested in this career path.

3. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 meaning "no way" and 10 meaning "this seems like a great job for me someday," how interested are you in this career path? *Circle a number.*

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

Definitely not

Maybe

I'm super interested

4. Why did you circle the number you did on question 3?

5. Find the Construction Equipment Operator page on **HirePaths.com**. What's the median salary in Kansas for this job?