

Video game obsession may lead to lucrative career

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Parents who have been riding their kids about playing too many video games might want to reconsider.



That gaming obsession might be the ticket to a college degree and a high-paying job.

The Washington, D.C.-based Entertainment Software Association said last month that 300 American colleges, universities, art and trade schools will offer degrees in video game design, development, programming and art during the 2010-11 academic year.

That's a nearly 20 percent increase over 2009-10, and California leads the way with 50 institutions of higher learning offering game-related degrees – including the Art Institute of California-Sacramento and Sierra College in Rocklin.

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