



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Office of the Chief Academic Officer

Office of Secondary School Transformation

Individual Graduation Portfolios Parent Information

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Motivation behind IGP

- ***Student Personalization and Ownership***
- ***DC 2008 Goal: “Opportunities for All”***—Create a college-going culture by developing Individual Graduation Plans (IGPs) for all high-school students, which will involve them in managing their academic programs from grades 8 through 12.
- ***DCMR V 2203.1***: At the beginning of the 9th grade, students shall develop a graduation plan pacing the courses they will take to complete high school.
- ***DCPS Five Year Action Plan (April 2009)***: Individual Graduation plans and advisory programs will form the foundation for all students to build toward strong post-secondary options. IGPs are geared toward increasing students’ engagement in their own academic success.

IGP Vision

- All students grade 6-12 will have an electronic portfolio of educational, career and achievement information that will travel with them throughout their school career and guide their progress through secondary school and to post-secondary options.
- Students will be empowered with their own information to be able to make decisions about their progress through secondary schooling to post-secondary options.

Alignment with the Office of the Chief Academic Officer's Goals

OCAO Outcomes

Outcome 7: Students graduate on time.

Outcome 8: Students graduate prepared for success in post secondary education and the career world without remediation.



Effective Schools Framework: Students are invested in their academic growth and achievement.



Teaching and Learning Framework
Increase Effectiveness: Track Student Progress
Teach: Invest students in their learning

IGP Product

- Web-based documentation of student accomplishments, strengths, and challenges.
- Forum for students, parents, and guidance counselors.

Middle School and Educational Campus Resources (grades 6-8)

- Explorer
 - Enables students to record and store all planning efforts:
 - Educational – course selection/school choices
 - Personal – journaling, recreation/extracurricular activities
 - Professional – career choices
 - Helps students build problem solving, critical thinking, and reading comprehension skills while learning about the people at work in their community.
- Learning Styles Inventory
 - Identifies students’ preferred learning environments helping them build self-awareness and improve study habits, attitudes and behavior.

High School Resources

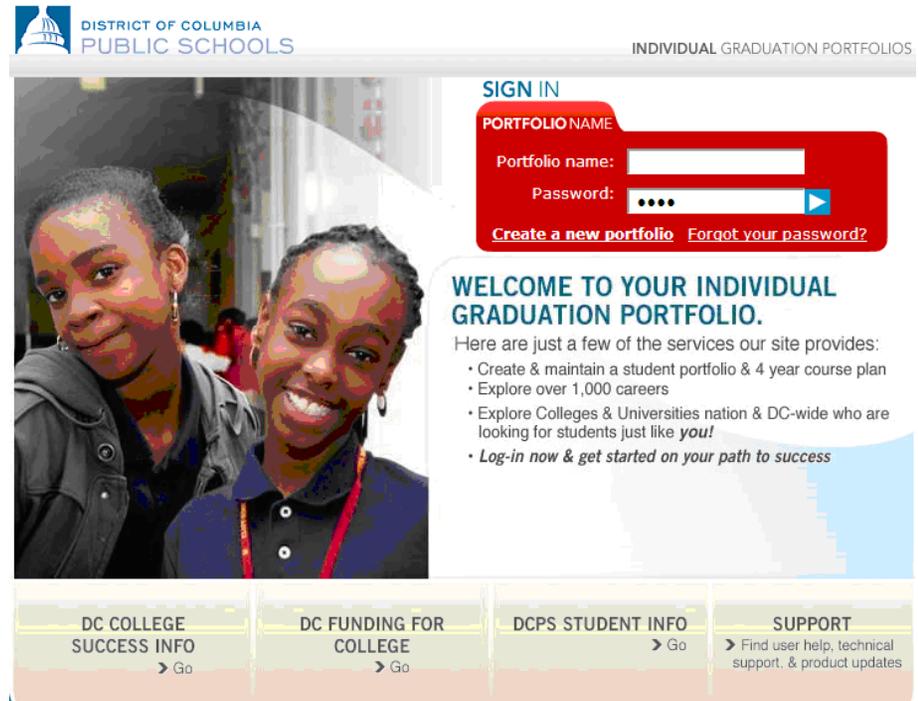
- Planner
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Additional High School Resources

- Test GEAR (PSAT/SAT prep)
 - Provides hours of instruction, diagnostic tests, interactive lessons and tutorials, test-taking strategies, over 3,000 word “Vocab Lab,” and 2 full-length tests and 16 practice tests (per PSAT/SAT)
- Do What You Are (Aptitude test)
 - Improves students’ knowledge of self (personality) for more effective planning
- Ability Profiler
 - Measures students’ individual strengths and provides educational and occupational suggestions.
- Other Tools
 - College Finder
 - Scholarship Finder
 - Resume Builder, Cover Letter Builder, Practice Interviews, and thank you letters.

Logging In

- Go to dcps.bridges.com
- Access for students:
 - Under portfolio name put DCPS and the student's ID number. Portfolio name: DCPS#####.
 - The student's password the first time they log in is DCPS.
 - The student will then be prompted to create a new password.



Password Reset Page

RESET PASSWORD

In order to secure your privacy, you need to create a new portfolio password.

Required Information

Portfolio Password: A password must be 4 or more characters and cannot be the same as your portfolio name.

Confirm Password: You may use letters, numbers and the characters @ - _ .

First Name:

Last Name:

I understand that logging into my account means that I have read, understand, and accept all of the Federal, State, District and School rules related to internet and technology use and agree to abide by these rules. I understand that if I violate these rules my account may be terminated, and I may face other disciplinary or legal consequences.

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Individual Graduation Portfolios Tools

Middle School Tools Page

High School Tools Page

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- Investigate over 1000 careers unique to you
- Find the perfect post-secondary College or University

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Choices Explorer
Explore your career & education options. Read interviews with people doing interesting work & learning things you care about.
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Learning Style Inventory
Select your preferences & find out which learning styles, strategies & environments help you learn best.
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Connect courses, Colleges, & career options to chart your future.
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what would YOU do? VIDEO CONTEST

Contest closes Dec. 4, 2009

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Middle School Tools- Explorer

- Guideways
- Quiz of interests and skills
- Quiz of subjects and activities enjoyed
- Explore potential careers
- Explore potential majors
- Course planner



Middle School Guideways

- Make it easier for students to use the Individual Graduation Portfolio tool.
- Provide steps to be completed each year, guiding students towards graduation.
- Parents and students can track what they have been doing, and what they have completed.



Everything needed to search for careers for middle school students

- Can search for careers according to clusters or by individual careers
- Over 900 careers
- Career Profiles include:
 - What they do
 - Salary
 - Interviews
 - Related careers
 - Related majors
 - Videos of what it is like in the career

What They Do

Salary & Outlook

Education

Interview

Get Started

[Print This](#) | [Add to Portfolio](#)

Accountant

What They Do

- Accountants don't just add up numbers. Depending on their area of specialty, they use numbers to help them give good financial advice to their clients or employers. For example, an accountant can tell a company what their financial performance looked like in the last month, the last year or even the last decade.
- Accountants can take on many different roles. Some are called auditors. Auditors go over a company's books to make sure that they have presented their finances fairly. While one accountant may calculate the cost and efficiency of a new technology, another might form tax strategies or help implement quality management.
- Accountants work at public accounting firms, in government, for corporations or in private practice.
- In the U.S., there are two main accounting designations: certified public accountant (CPA) and the certified management accountant (CMA). CPAs work with the public and are certified to do audits. CMAs generally work within a company, helping that company to be more cost-effective.
- The globalization of trade, the environmental movement, computerization and business fraud are all important trends affecting the accounting industry.

"In the past, the accountants used to be bean counters," says certified general accountant Andrea Agnoloni. "But now they're getting more into specialized management type services, like personal financial planning, business evaluation, forensic accounting -- just management in general."

Bea Sanders is the director of academic and career development at the American Institute of Certified



At a Glance

Track and assess the financial status of people and companies

- Globalization, the environment and computerization are all affecting the accounting industry
- Computer software experience has become essential for success
- A degree and professional certification are required

Related Careers in Choices Planner

- [Accountant](#)

Related Majors

Check out related majors and training programs:

- [Accounting Technology Programs](#)
- [Accounting Degrees](#)

This Career is Part of...

It is also in the following pathway(s):

- [Business Information Technology](#)
- [Business Finance](#)

Multimedia

Watch a one-minute video showing what it's like to work in this career or related careers.

[Accountants and Auditors](#)

Your Portfolio for middle school students

- In Your Portfolio students can:
 - Store personal info, interests and courses taken.
 - Save careers, education and leisure options.
 - Record ideas and questions as students figure out what to do after high school.
 - Keep track of future courses and options.
 - See which assignments and tasks completed and what's left to do.



Access to grades for middle school students

Electives	ART 7 <small>A03</small> ▾ Complete ▾ B		0 complete 0 enrolled 0 planned
	English 7 <small>E01</small> ▾ Complete ▾ C		
	Health and Physical Education 7 <small>P11</small> ▾ Complete ▾ B		
	MS Mathematics II <small>M07</small> ▾ Complete ▾ C-		
	Music 7 <small>U11</small> ▾ Complete ▾ B		
	SCIENCE GRADE 7 <small>SS3</small> ▾ Complete ▾ C		
	World History and Geography: The Ancient World <small>HC3</small> ▾ Complete ▾ C+		
Total Credits	7th Grade 0 complete 0 enrolled 0 planned	8th Grade 0 complete 0 enrolled 0 planned	Total Credits 0 complete 0 enrolled 0 planned

Learning After High School

- ▾ Post-Secondary Program:
- ▾ Program Type:
- ▾ Post-Secondary School:

Career Planning

Career:

Grade 8 Parent Sign-off

Parent/Guardian Course Plan Signoff

Your Master Course Plan

- ▾ **Plan Name:** Basic [Edit](#) | [Print](#)
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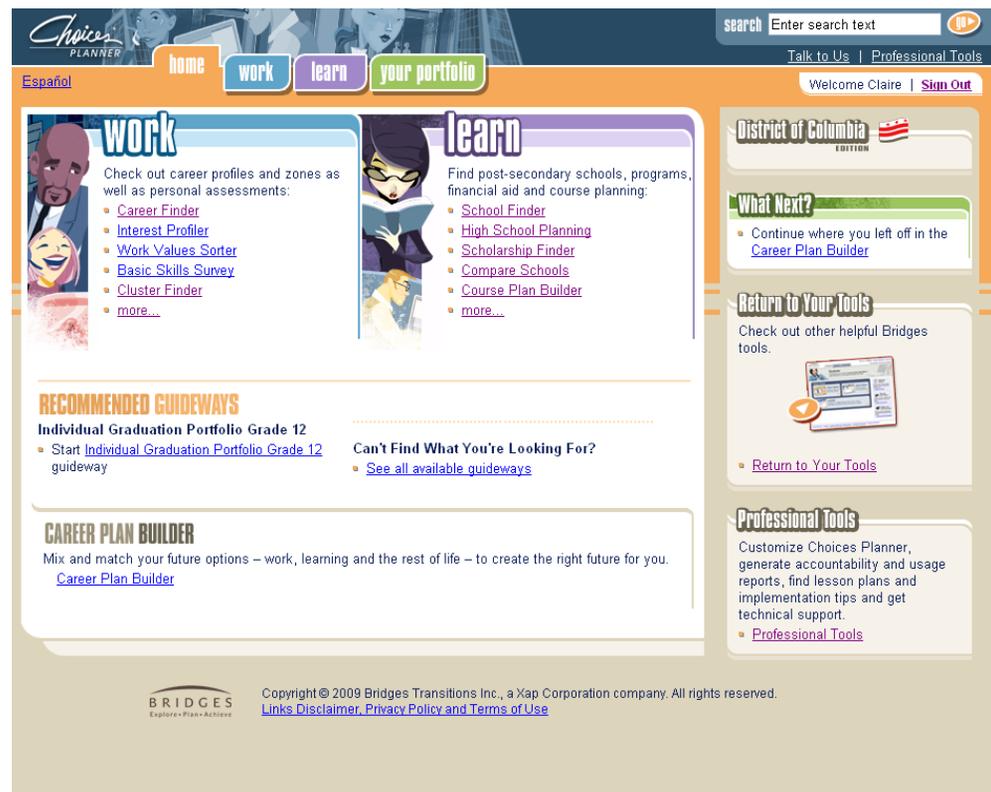
Subject Area	Credits in Course Plan				Credits Required	On/Off Track
	Complete	Enrolled	Planned	Total		
English	0	0	0	0.0		?
Mathematics	0	0	0	0.0		?
Science	0	0	0	0.0		?
Social Studies	0	0	0	0.0		?
Health and Physical Education	0	0	0	0.0		?
World Languages	0	0	0	0.0		?
Art	0	0	0	0.0		?
Music	0	0	0	0.0		?
CTE	0	0	0	0.0		?
Specialty School Requirements	0	0	0	0.0		?
Electives	0	0	0	0.0		?
Total	0	0	0	0		

Course Plan Status:?

Your Course Plan does not have a Recommended Plan associated with it

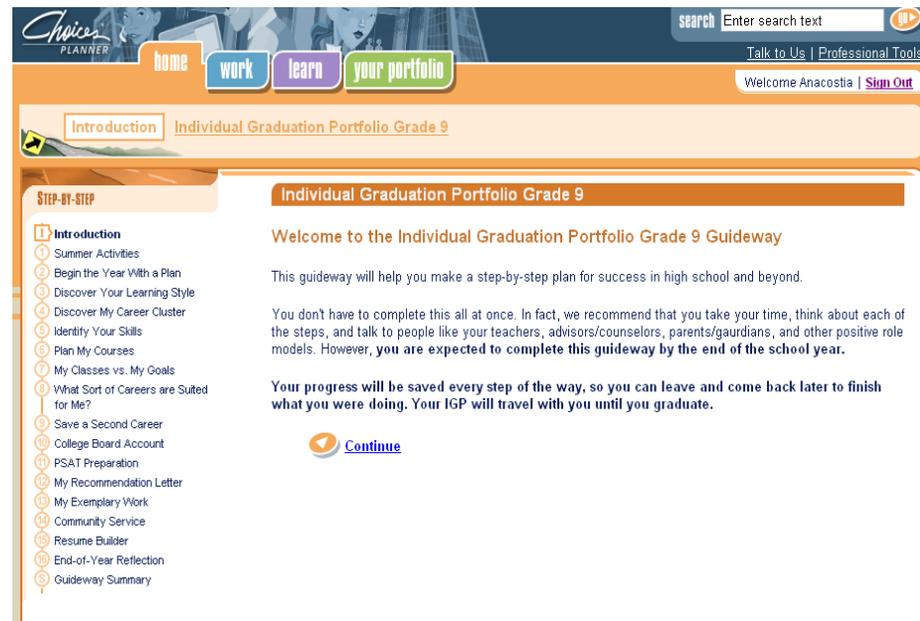
High school tools- Planner

- Can build 4-year course plan around career clusters that match student's personal qualities.
- Can search for and compare schools with courses that fit student's plan and career goals.
- Course plan will notify students if they become off track for graduation.



High School Guideways

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Access to grades and transcripts for high school students

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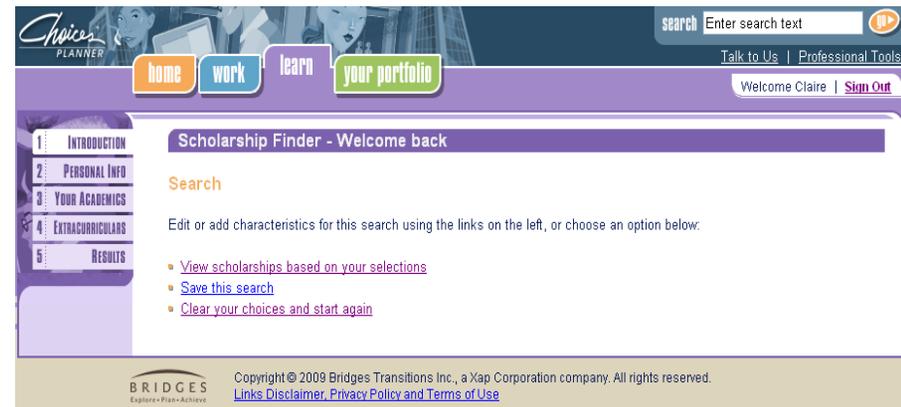
Subject Area	Credits in Course Plan				Credits Required	On/Off Track
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English	0	2	0	2.0		?
Mathematics	0	2	0	2.0		?
Science	0	1	0	1.0		?
Social Studies	1	1	0	2.0		?
Health and Physical Education	0.5	0.5	0	1.0		?
World Languages	1	1	0	2.0		?
Art	0	0.5	0	0.5		?
Music	0.5	0	0	0.5		?
CTE	0	0	0	0.0		?
Specialty School Requirements	0	0	0	0.0		?
Electives	1	0	0	1.0		?
Total	4	8	0	12		

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Subject Area	Grades 7 - 8				Grades 9 - 12				Subject Summary
	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade	
English	English I E03 ▫ Complete ▫ F								0 complete 2 enrolled 0 planned
	English I E03 ▫ 1 credit ▫ Enrolled								
	English II E04 ▫ 1 credit ▫ Enrolled								
Mathematics	ALGEBRA I M21 ▫ 1 credit ▫ Enrolled								0 complete 2 enrolled 0 planned
	Algebra I B - 1.0 M24 ▫ Complete ▫ F								
	Geometry M31 ▫ 1 credit ▫ Enrolled								
Science	Biology I S21 ▫ 1 credit ▫ Enrolled								0 complete 1 enrolled 0 planned
	Environmental Science S03 ▫ Complete ▫ F								
Social Studies	WORLD HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY 1: MID AGES:REVOLUTIO HC5 ▫ 1 credit ▫ Complete ▫ C+								1 complete 1 enrolled 0 planned
	WORLD HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY 2: INDUST. TO THE PRESENT HC6 ▫ 1 credit								

Scholarship Finder

- Search for scholarships according to interests, skills, financial need, region, area of study, and more.
- Includes DC specific scholarships
- Can save searches
- Link to the FASFA



Parent Resources

- Grade specific resources
- Articles and activities to engage in with children
- Career planning worksheets
- College planning worksheets
- Additional sources for college and career research.

The screenshot shows the 'Choices Professional' website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with buttons for 'Home', 'Reviewer', 'Reporter', and 'Tracker'. Below this, there are links for 'Español', 'Talk to Us', 'Choices Explorer', and 'Sign Out'. The main content area is titled 'Resources - Parent Resources' and includes a sub-header 'Help parents help their kids with career and college choices'. The page is organized into several sections: 'Middle School Parent High School Planning' with a link to 'Choosing High School Courses'; 'High School Parent High School Planning and Achievement' with links to 'Choosing the Right Course' and 'Dealing With Test Anxiety'; 'Career Planning' with links to 'Skills for Future Employment', 'A Personal Portfolio: The Benefits of Volunteering', and 'College or Not?'; 'College Planning' with links to 'Preparing for College', 'Saving for Education', and 'Turning Dreams Into Reality'; 'Planning Worksheets' with links to 'Document Your Skills', 'High School Course Plan', 'Identify Potential Employers', 'Information Interview Worksheet', 'Internet Worksheet', 'Master Job Application', 'Networking Worksheet', 'Set Up Interviews By Phone', and 'Salary Worksheet'; and 'High School Parent Career Planning' with links to 'Begin With What You Love', 'Career Exploration: Journey of Self-Discovery', 'Career Planning: Easy as 1,2,3', 'Careers Without College', 'Preparing Teens for the Global Workplace', 'Turning Aptitudes Into Abilities', 'What Career Assessments Are and Are Not', and 'Working in the 21st Century'. There is also a 'College Planning' section with links to 'Anticipating College', 'Service Learning: The Role of Volunteering', 'Financing Higher Education', and 'Student Loan Basics'. A 'Customize' sidebar on the right offers to 'Customize Choices Planner for your school and region' and includes a link to 'Upgrade to Administrator Privileges'. At the bottom, there is a 'Back to Resources' button and a copyright notice: 'Copyright © 2009 Bridges Transitions Inc., a Xap Corporation company. All rights reserved. Links Disclaimer, Privacy Policy and Terms of Use'.

DCPS roll out of the IGP

- The IGP is available now for all middle school and high school students as a self-directed tool.
- Principals have received overviews.
- School counselors and special educators have received training.
- The IGP is being connected to transition planning for students with IEPs.

Updates

- Student information is updated at the end of each term and summer school including:
 - Completed marks/grades
 - Credits
 - Courses
 - Enrolled courses

Important things to do with your student

- Share information with your student about their Individual Graduation Portfolio.
- Encourage students to explore IGP website.
- Work with your student on the Guideways.
- Provide questions, concerns, comments, etc. to your school counselor.