

Gateway Middle School



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In January, the Gateway School District purchased Career Cruising for grades 7- 8. Career Cruising is an online self-directed program that allows students to explore career interests and the options available to them. Career Cruising “helps users satisfy five key career guidance needs: self-assessment, career exploration, post-secondary education planning, work search, and portfolio development.”

Pennsylvania Act 339 requires that all students in grade 8 have a career portfolio. Using Career Cruising enables students to begin building this portfolio, which will be available to them online and throughout their time in the Gateway School District. The Counseling department is committed to ensuring that all 8th grade students complete 2 initial career assessments. These assessments will generate a list of possible careers, allowing students to make connections between their interests and skills and their career opportunities. Additionally, students will mark 5 Careers in their plan that they are interested in pursuing. Seventh grade students will begin to explore their Learning Styles as well as explore the relationship between preferred subjects and career paths.

The Middle School Counseling Department is excited to have this resource to help our students begin to think about life after high school so they can make informed choices about their post-secondary career paths.

For more information on Career Cruising, please visit their website at careercruising.com.

Sincerely,

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