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Career Awareness for students in grades 6 – 8

- Each Unit 4 student beginning in sixth grade is given a login to their Individual Career Portfolio called “My Plan” through the Career Cruising System. Each student will have access to their My Plan up and through their graduation from the Champaign Unit 4 School System.
- Each student beginning in sixth grade will take the Career Matchmaker (internationally respected interest assessment tool). The resulting career suggestions list includes 40 occupations ranked in order of suitability for each student. The student can then select to review the occupational profile of one or all of the 40 suggested careers. Each occupational profile includes: job description; working conditions; earnings; education and training required; direct links to post-secondary programs; sample career path; two multimedia interviews with people in the occupation, and much more.
- Each student completes a skills assessment which relates to the skills necessary for the occupations that match their interests.
- Each student will complete a Learning Styles assessment which allows each student to learn about their specific learning styles and for the school staff to also be aware each students learning styles.
- Each student may keep track of all of their career exploration and planning activities through the use of their “My Plan”. In addition, students will be introduced to documenting their work, their volunteer activities; their extracurricular activities, career planning goals and activities; and hobbies which are all then used to automatically build a resume.