

Career Cruising Grades 6-12



CCPS school counselors strive to guide students through the post-secondary planning process by applying research-based tools to analyze interests, skillsets and strengths of students.

Career Cruising

CCPS Implementation Plan

The Career Cruising program is an interactive, user friendly website that can help students with:

Career/Military Exploration
College/University Searches
Academic Planning
Goal setting

Career Cruising is designed to help students bring together their academic achievements, extracurricular activities, career and education exploration activities in a one-stop hub.

Students, along with their parents /guardians, teachers, and counselors work together to develop their profile to meet the students' individual needs and goals.



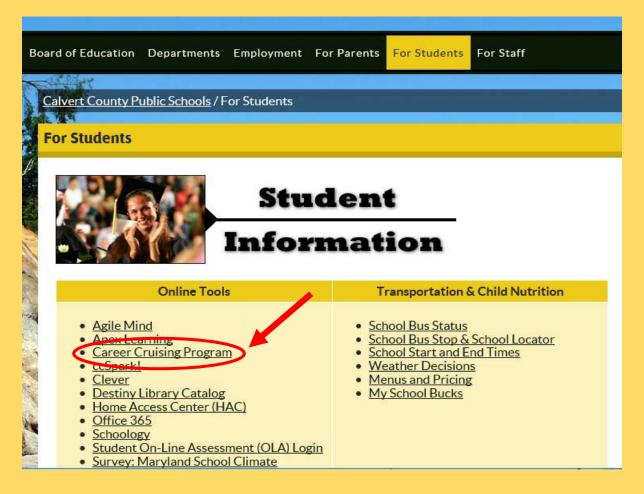


Key Features of the Program

ASSESSMENTS Assessment tools to help you identify career interests, skills, abilities, and learning styles ☐ CAREER PROFILES ☐ Information about hundreds of different occupations, careers and related college programs ■ MULTIMEDIA INTERVIEWS Interviews with real people in each occupation, which add depth and realism to career profiles COLLEGE AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION ☐ Comprehensive college and financial aid information, with a considerable amount of useful search tools to help you find the right college and the applicable scholarships ■ EMPLOYMENT GUIDE Advice for all stages of the job search process, including developing a job search plan, networking, writing resumes and cover letters, preparing for interviews, and adjusting to a new job **RESUME BUILDER** ☐ Create and produce a well formatted resume with just a few key strokes! This resume can be used for job interviews or included in your college application packet.



Logging on



To access career cruising go to:

www.calvertnet.k12.md.us/for_students



Logging In



 The Username is the prefix `CAL-` followed by your student ID (lunch number)

(example: **CAL-12345**)

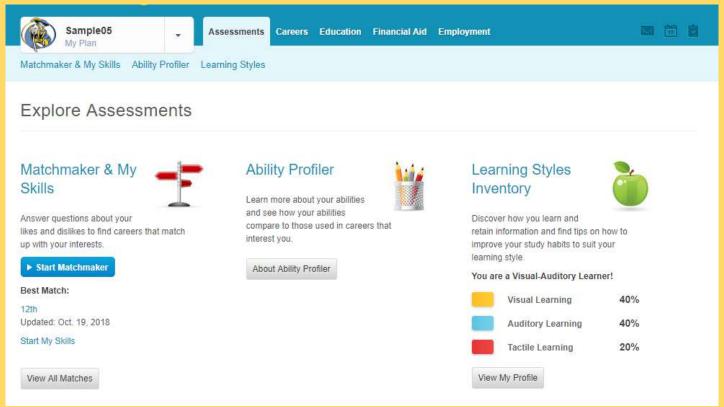
 Your Password is your birth date (mmddyyyy format)

(EXAMPLE: August 25, 2002 --> **08252002**)



Assessments

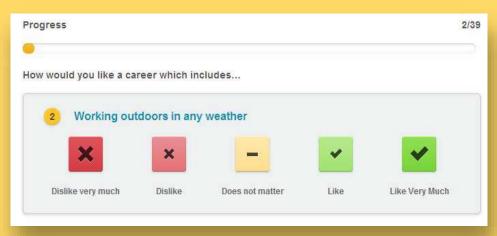
Career Cruising provides assessments to learn more about learning style and comparing interests, abilities and skills with careers.





Career Matchmaker

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By answering questions about what you like and don't like:

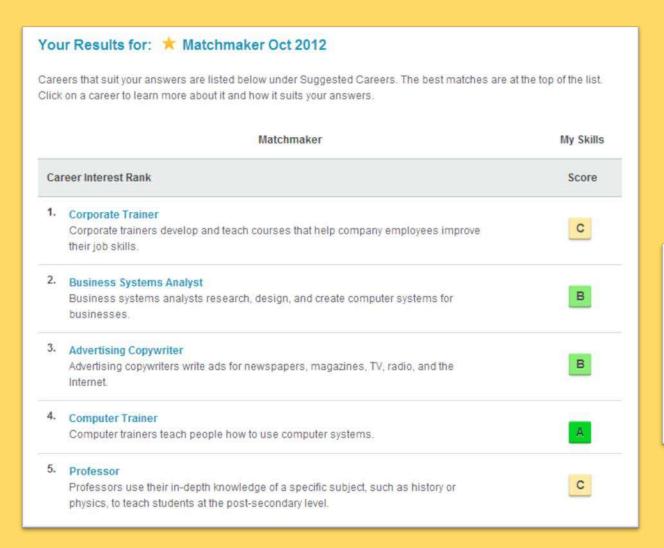
- ☐ You can find careers that match your interest but you must answer the questions *HONESTLY*!
- Receive clear feedback on why individual careers may or may not suit your interests or skills.
- ☐ Can complete anywhere from 39 to 116 interestrelated questions, and you can complete the optional My Skills component.
- Matchmaker creates customized sets of questions for each user.
- ☐ Can save your work and log back in from home or wherever you have access to the Internet.

More Info

This means being prepared to work outside even when the weather is cold, wet or very hot.



Career Matchmaker Results



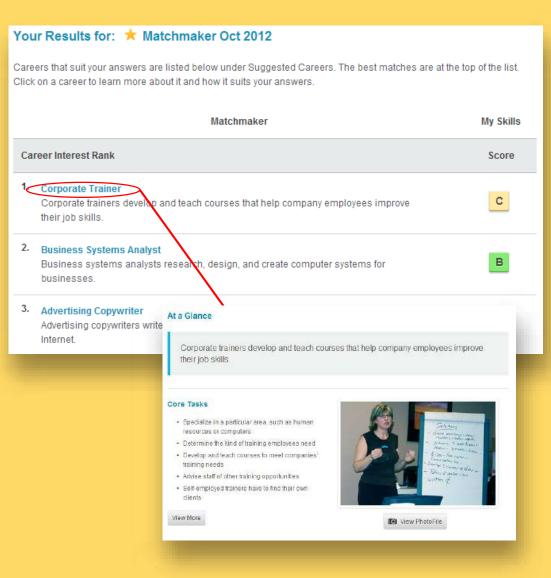
Career Results

- After answering the first 39 questions, you will receive a list of careers that is recommended for you based on your answers
- Additional questions can be answered (up to 116) in order to improve your results





Self-Awareness and Learning



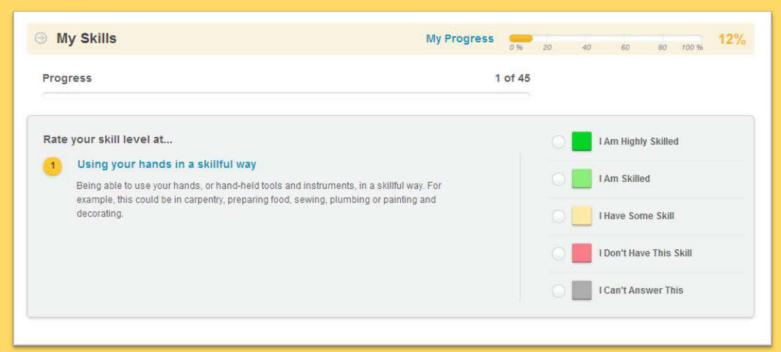
- Career Matchmaker provides you with clear and helpful personal feedback
- Matchmaker suggests suitable occupations and show you how each of those occupations matches your personal and work interests
- If you complete the My Skills section, Matchmaker will also show you how your skills match with the skills required for each occupation, helping you see which skills you may need to develop!



My Skills

My Skills Assessment

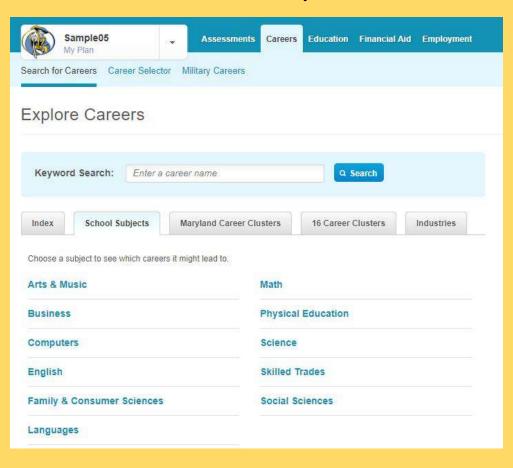
- My Skills section of Career Matchmaker allows you to rate your skill level in 45 areas
- □Once you have completed the assessment, icons indicating the level of skill suitability appear beside the career names on the Career Suggestions page
- ☐ In this section of career cruising, you can compare your My Skills results to the suggested careers from the Matchmaker results





Career Exploration

Career Cruising provides profiles along with multimedia interviews for many careers.



To begin a search click on the Careers tab at the top of the page.

Searches can be done by:

- Alphabetical
- School Subjects
- Maryland Career Clusters
- •16 Career Clusters
- Industries



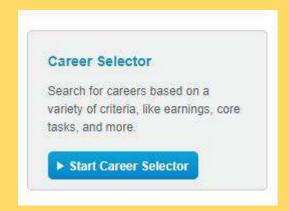
Career Selector

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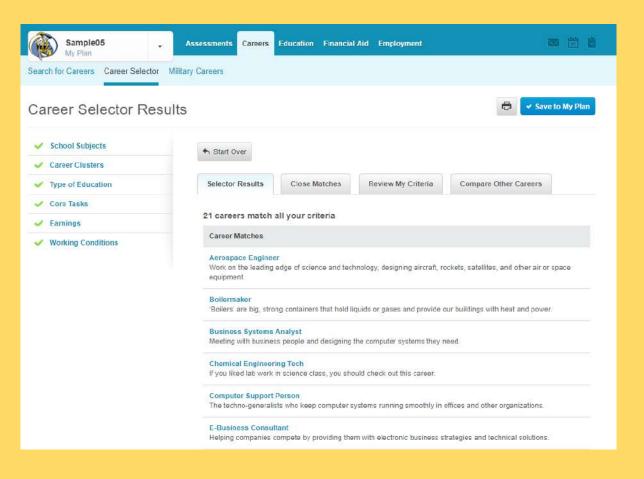
To begin a search click on the Careers tab at the top of the page. Click on Career Selector. Answer questions about what:

- Subjects that interest you
- Career Clusters that interest you
- Type of education you plan to pursue
- What tasks would you like to do at work
- Earnings you would like to make
- Working conditions you would not like





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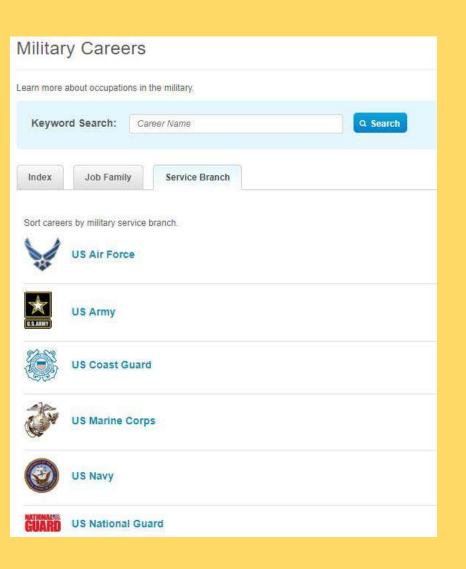
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 based on your responses
- ☐ Matched careers can be saved to your plan and will show you skills required for each occupation.



Military Careers



Career Cruising offers a search for military careers.



To begin a search click on the Careers tab at the top of the page. Click on Military Careers.

You can search for careers by index, job family or service branch.

Each career will list rank as well as providing an overview, attributes and training, civilian careers and service opportunities.

Calvert County
Public Schools

College Exploration

Career Cruising provides information on thousands of 2-year colleges, 4-year colleges, and career and technical schools across the country.



To begin a search click on the Education tab at the top of the page.

Searches can be done by:

- College Name
- State
- Major offered

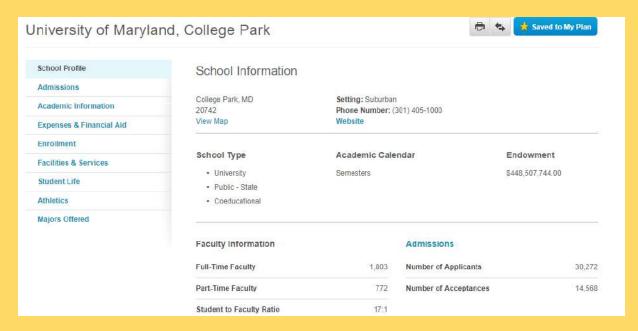


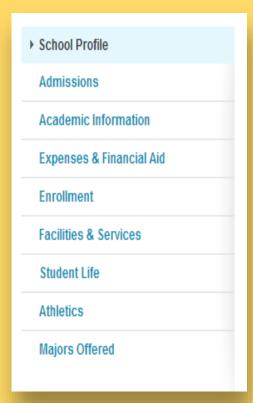
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College Exploration- School Profiles

The schools profile include:

- □ School overview (including location, setting, website)
- ☐ Admission requirements and contact information
- ☐ Estimated expenses
- ☐ Majors offered
- □Clubs and social organizations
- ☐ Intercollegiate athletics, intramural sports, and athletic scholarships



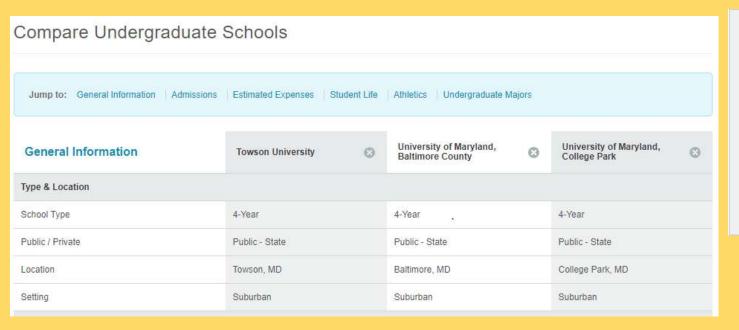


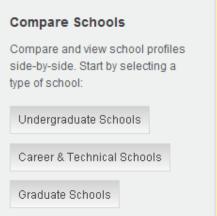


College Exploration-Comparing Schools

The Compare Schools feature allows students to compare multiple schools they are interested in side-by-side.

This feature can be a valuable resource in examining the difference between two or more schools of interest.







Financial Aid Information

Click to add Career Cruising's financial aid database includes details on thousands of scholarships, grants, awards, fellowships, and other assistance programs.

Using our Financial Aid Selector, you can find financial aid programs that you qualify for based on factors such as gender, background, academic record, educational plans, and more.

You can **SAVE** all of this information to your plan!



Scholarship Profiles Include:

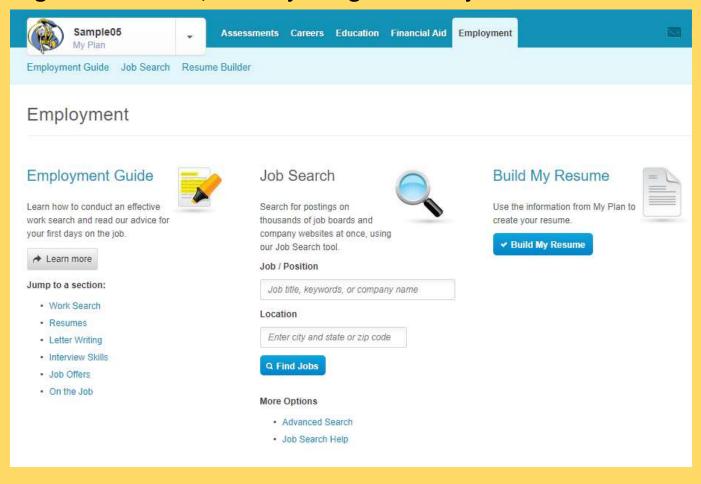
- Award and donor/sponsor descriptions
- Award criteria
- Application process and requirements
- Contact information

Scholarship Profile		
One-time award for Delaware residents to study dentistry. Freshmen are not eligible. Must be a U.S. citizen. Student must have financial need and good academic standing.		
Awards		Application Information
Type of Award	Scholarship	Application Requirements
Number of Awards Available	3	ApplicationFormFinancial need analysis
Amount of Award	\$1,000	• Interview
Number of Awards Last Year	1	ReferencesTranscript
Total Amount Awarded Last Year	\$1000	Proof of residency, biographical sketch
Number of Applicants in Previous Year	1	Application Deadline
Renewable	No	March 1



Employment

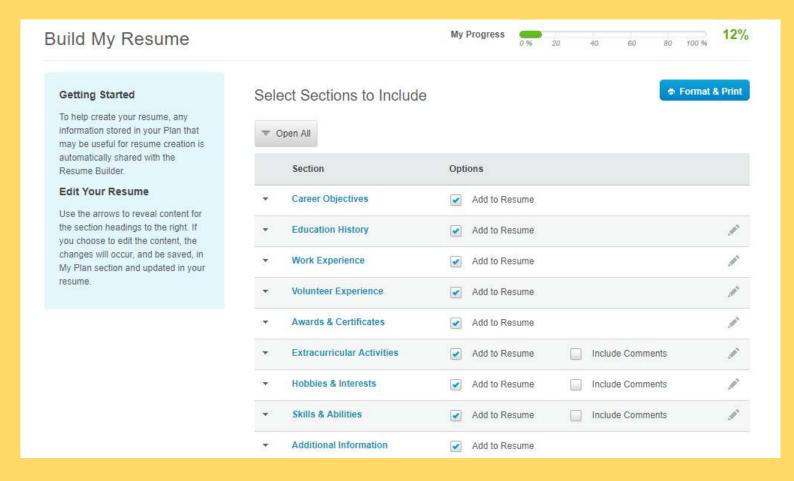
Career Cruising provides advice for all stages of the job search process, including developing a job search plan, networking, writing resumes and cover letters, preparing for interviews, and adjusting to a new job.





Build My Resume

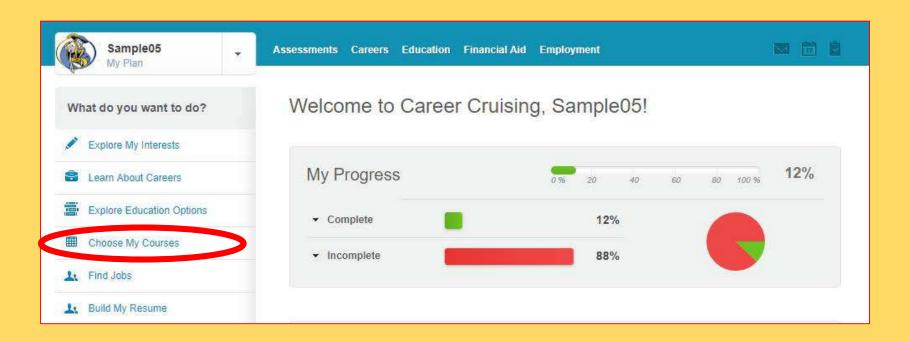
Career Cruising offers a resume builder for students to input their experiences, goals and activities. Students can start using this at any point and keep adding to their resume over their four years. It is a great document to print to share with colleges or employers.





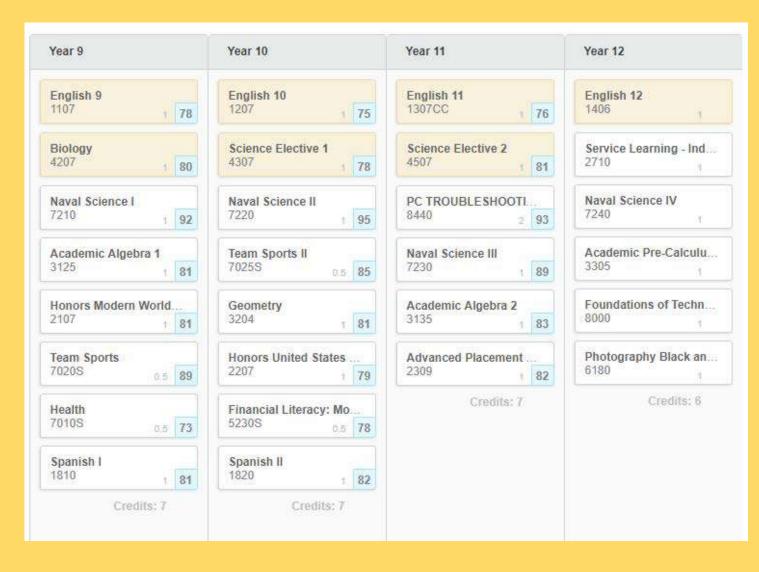
Course Planner

Career Cruising enables students to build a course plan designed to help them meet graduation requirements for Calvert County Public Schools. Parents and students can view course history and the school's course information, including pre-requisites, as well as graduation track and recommended courses.





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In the course planner there is a graduation tracking feature to see how many credits are completed, planned and needed. Click on the learn more to get more information

about graduation tracking.







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Career Cruising is the primary tool used in Calvert County Public Schools to assist students with career planning.

The information in Career Cruising can be used to create a professional resume.

Students will have access to the contents of their Career Cruising account for up to two years after graduation.

Any questions or concerns about Career Cruising should be directed to the School Counselor at your school.

