

Indiana Career Explorer

For Middle Schools and High Schools

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Indiana Career Explorer, powered by Kuder® Navigator, features interactive and reliable tools to make career planning fun, engaging, and relevant for today's middle school and high school students.

Guided by a Career Planning Timeline, *Navigator* helps students learn about themselves with research-based assessments, build an education plan, and explore and prepare for various options after high school. These career exploration and education planning resources are designed specifically for students in grades 6-12 and tailored to the unique planning needs of each grade level. *Navigator* also provides resources for parents and educators in order to support career guidance.

Highlights & Features

Navigator is a highly successful and proven college and career planning system. With lifelong access, *Navigator* effectively directs middle school and high school students toward making informed decisions and ongoing plans for their career futures.

Key Highlights

- Delivers simple, age-appropriate content customized by developmental level, middle school versus high school.
- Provides a reliable foundation for career exploration by starting the process with research-based assessments.
- Helps students easily navigate through their career options while making connections between coursework and the world of work.
- Supports high school completion and confident college choices with flexible education planning tools.
- Promotes effective career preparation by introducing students to lifelong portfolio development.



Navigator Home Page

Features for Parents & Educators

Studies reveal parents are the number one influence on their child's career planning. *Navigator* supports parents in this critical role by providing them a free account where they can access messages and alerts; a virtual tour; a career planning timeline; their child's portfolio; and informational resources and web sites.

With the *Kuder® Administrative Database Management System*, educators have a convenient and flexible tool for tracking individual progress and aggregate trends; managing curriculum and coursework; communicating with students and their parents; and more. Ask us for an online demonstration of the administrative database today!

Features for Students

Navigator guides middle school and high school students through developmentally appropriate education and career planning steps. *Navigator's* Career Planning Timeline provides grade level tasks to allow students to track their progress within the system.

Step 1: Learn About Myself

This section helps students establish a reliable foundation on which to explore career possibilities related to their preferences. For sixth-graders, an interest checklist eases them into career exploration. Starting in seventh-grade, *Navigator* offers the research-based *Kuder® Career Search with Person Match* (interest assessment) and *Kuder® Skills Assessment*. High school students can also take *Super's Work Values Inventory-revised* to learn what they may value in the workplace.

Step 2: Explore Occupations

Students can browse and explore occupations from the more than 1,000 included in the *O*NET* database using a variety of search methods. For middle school students, occupational descriptions are written to their level to ease exploration. Students can read and compare occupational descriptions and save favorites to their portfolio.

Step 3: Plan for Education

This section provides information on the various options after high school: going directly to work; joining the military; entering on-the-job training or apprenticeship; attending schools that offer an associate degree or less; and entering a four-year college. Students can also easily manage their four-year education plan. In high school, students can explore postsecondary schools, financial aid information, and scholarships.

Step 4: Plan for Work (High School Students Only)

Whether students are planning for summer work or a full-time job after high school, they can prepare for the job search by creating a résumé, writing a cover letter, reviewing interview tips, and more within this step.

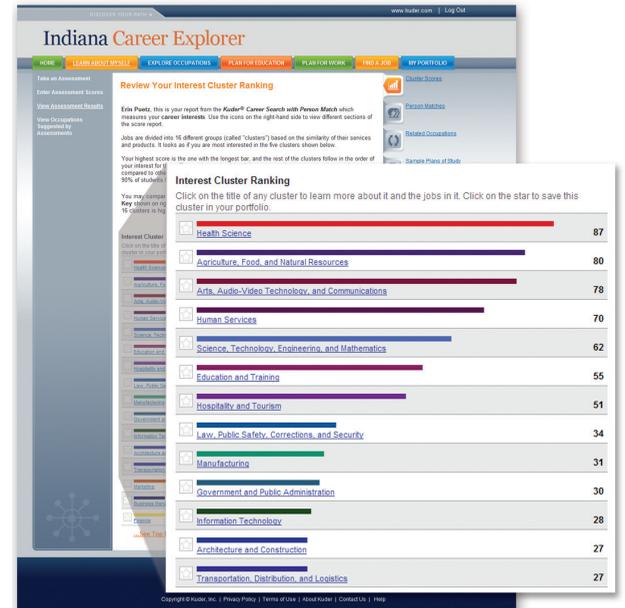
Step 5: Find a Job (High School Students Only)

Once students have learned about preparing for work, they can learn how to find job openings, research employers, and create an electronic Portfolio. This e-Portfolio becomes a student's personalized web page of achievements and goals that may be shared online.

My Portfolio

The My Portfolio section is a place to update account information, view assessment results and education plans; develop a list of career goals; store favorite postsecondary schools; and record information such as educational accomplishments, work experiences, and planning notes.

Interest Assessment Results



Education Planner

Select Education Plan

It's time to create your education plan. You can start by giving it a name. Next, select the school, grade level, and school year for which you're making the plan. For example, if you're creating your high-grade course schedule, you'll want to select 9th Grade from the drop-down menu. You can also choose an area of study, if your school offers them, that you're focusing on during your educational journey.

Plan Name *

School * Janice Test Site

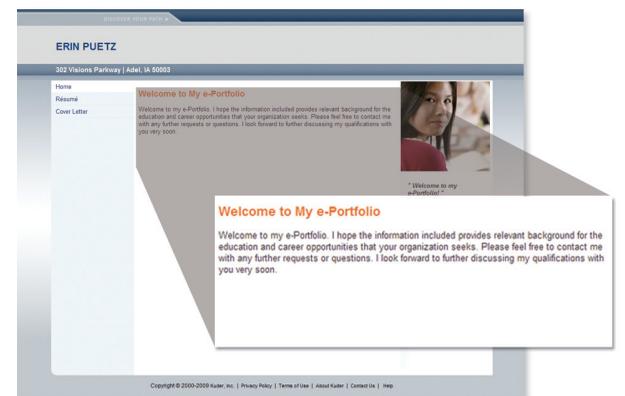
Grade Level * 10th Grade

School Year * 2011-2012

Area of Study [Click to Select]

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Shareable e-Portfolio



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