

Individual Pathways Plan 2017-2018

November, 2017

Dear SWC Students and Parents/Guardians,

The Ontario Ministry of Education has developed an Education and Career/Life Planning Program called Creating Pathways to Success. The program is founded on a vision in which all students complete secondary school with a clear plan for their initial post-secondary destination – apprenticeship training, college, community living, university or the workplace – empowering students to be the architects of their own lives.

Students are asked to reflect upon the following inquiry questions:



- Who am I?
- What are my opportunities?
- Who do I want to become?
- What is my plan for achieving my goals?

The Ministry of Education has mandated that all secondary students are to document their learning in an **Individual Pathways Plan (IPP)**.

“The IPP becomes the primary planning tool that students use as they proceed through school towards their post-secondary destination” (Creating Pathways to Success).

THE IPP & CAREER CRUISING

The educational planning tool, “**Career Cruising**”, is the program in which DSBN students complete and store all activities related to their Individual Pathways Plan (IPP) and to their Course Plan. Yes – everything in one, paperless, easily accessible location!

AT HOME/INDEPENDENTLY: Students are required to complete the following activities in Career Cruising:

NOVEMBER 29th - DECEMBER 15th, 2017

Grade 9 = Learning Styles Inventory

Grade 10 = Career Matchmaker, My Saved Careers (3), Build My Resume

Grade 11 = My Saved Programs (3)

Grade 12 = My Saved Schools (3), Career & Life Goals, Update Resume (completed, Fall 2017)

FEBRUARY 8th-15th 2018

Grade 9, 10, 11 = My Course Plan

Students are not limited to just the above activities - explore further! Career Cruising offers a wide variety of self-assessment and research tools. As well, students can keep track of their extra-curricular activities and experiences, and set goals and plans, on this site.

SWC Students can access their Career Cruising accounts directly through their e+Learning/D2L account. A quick tip: “Just Google ‘dsbn elearning’” or look for the button below on the homepage!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- I. **November 29th** Career Cruising IPP Information Sheet is distributed in Period 1 homerooms
- II. **Nov. 29th – Dec. 15th** Student log into Career Cruising (independently). Click onto “My IPP”, then:

GRADE 9

- ① Learning Styles Inventory
- ② Start Learning Styles
- ③ Work through the 20 questions.

GRADE 10

- ① Career Matchmaker
- ② Work through the 39 questions
- ③ My Saved Careers
- ④ Search for, and save*, 3 careers
- ⑤ Go back to “My IPP”, select Build My Resume, Format & Print (Preview your resume; you do not need to print it at this time)

GRADE 11

- ① My Saved Programs
- ② Find, and save*, 3 programs; search by school or by program

*ENSURE that you have clicked on the blue tab, “Saved to My IPP”, and that the star turns yellow to show that it is saved.

HUGE TIP! ⇒ **Clicking on the “My Progress” bar on the main page of your IPP will show you what areas you are still missing.**

Please note: If you have already completed your Grade activity (in a previous school year) please review the information provided in your IPP. You may also choose to redo the activity in order to collect the most recent data. Simply click on “Delete Results” and start the assessment.

- III. **Ongoing...** Students can log into Career Cruising and research career opportunities; record achievements; update resumes; plan course selections for future grades, etc.

IV. February, 2018 CHOOSING YOUR COURSES FOR NEXT YEAR...

Grade Assemblies regarding course selections are held in the SWC Auditorium:

Grade 9	Tuesday, February 6, 2018	Period 2
Grade 10	Wednesday, February 7, 2018	Period 2
(SOSSA Swimming on Thursday so no presentations – Go Bulldogs!)		
Grade 11	Friday, February 9, 2018	Period 2

Career Cruising “My Course Plan” online submission process opens for all students:

Thursday, February 8th, 2018

Course Plans are completed by students and parents/guardians, signed and returned to Period 1 teachers by:

Thursday, February 15th, 2018

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Guidance Department at (905) 684-6349.

Thank you for your continued support!

