

CAREER CRUISING—A USEFUL TOOL FOR MAJOR/CAREER EXPLORATION AND COLLEGE SEARCHES

Career Cruising is an online tool for major/career exploration and college searches. We will begin to integrate this tool for use at all grade levels. While we haven't explored the full range of its possibilities, we have found the portfolio function to be particularly useful. Below you will find some basic instructions that will allow you to log-in to Career Cruising, create a portfolio, and explore the basic "assignments" within the portfolio itself.

Logging in to Career Cruising

1. Go to: <http://www.careercruising.com/>
2. Enter the username: central610
3. Enter the password: maroons

Creating a Portfolio

1. Once you log in the main page through the process above, find the fourth link down on the left side—Portfolio Log-In.
2. Click on "Create a New Portfolio."
3. Follow the prompts.
4. WRITE DOWN YOUR USERNAME AND PASSWORD!

Building Your Portfolio

Within the portfolio, you can save all of the results of your major/career exploration and college searches as well as create a resume, etc. You will find links to the basic activities that follow at the very top of the main page of the Portfolio area:

- **Matchmaker**—Answer a series of interest and skills related questions to find a list of possible careers that match your answers. Several series of questions are available that allow you to refine your selections. Matchmaker will even show you why it chose each of the areas shown for you.
- **Careers**—This section allows you to review detailed information about and descriptions of thousands of occupations, including the training needed to do each job.
- **Schools**—This area provides comprehensive information on thousands of 2-year colleges, 4-year colleges, and career and technical schools across the country, including a school overview, admissions requirements and contact information, estimated expenses, enrollment and freshman profile, housing, clubs, athletics, and majors offered.

Career Cruising offers much more than what is detailed above. To learn about all of its services, log in and get started!