

For Parents: What is Career Cruising?

All students planning to earn a Lynden High School diploma (including Running Start, partial schedule students) are required to successfully complete a High School & Beyond Plan. The **High School and Beyond Plan** is the culmination of a four-year process that helps all students think about their future and how to get the most out of high school, so that they're ready to pursue their adult lives, no matter what direction they plan to take. Students write their first plan in 9th grade in Computer Application class and then continue to revise it throughout high school to accommodate changing interests or goals.

Career Cruising is an Internet-based career exploration and planning tool used by your son or daughter to explore career and college options and develop a career plan. Lynden High Career Cruising can be accessed from school, from home, or wherever your son or daughter has access to the Internet. Features of the program include:

ASSESSMENTS

World-renowned assessment tools to help your child identify his or her career interests, skills, abilities, and learning styles

CAREER PROFILES

Thorough and up-to-date information about hundreds of different occupations, including direct links between 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 number of useful search tools to help your child find the right college and the right 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

MY PLAN

An online portfolio where your child can develop and reflect on his or her academic, personal, and career exploration activities, and make plans for the future

RESUME BUILDER

Integrated with the My Plan tool to help your child create, format, and print professional-looking resumes quickly and easily

PARENT PORTAL

Allows you to view the information your child has stored in his or her Plan, and to learn more about the careers and schools that your child is interested in.

To register for your Parent Portal account your child can send an email invitation to his parent/guardian to create parent/guardian portal account. The child simply clicks on the "Share Your Portfolio with Your Parent/Guardian" link in the Quick links section on the Portfolio homepage and then enters their parent's/guardian's email address. An email message will then be sent to that address with an activation code and instructions for creating an account.