



Chippewa Valley Schools *Career Technical Education*



CAREER DEVELOPMENT with “CAREER CRUISING” - GRADES 7- 12

You have probably heard of the Woodward Cruise, and maybe have been caught in the traffic of the Harper Cruise or the Gratiot Cruise. Did you know that we are encouraging all Chippewa Valley students in grades 7 – 12 to go cruising? In fact, we issue each student an official Chippewa Valley Username and Password to start their engines!

During the year, each Chippewa Valley secondary student participates in “Career Cruising”, a comprehensive, web-based, career development program. Our district counselors have identified the activities that are appropriate by grade level, and have created an instruction sheet which both guides students and summarizes the Chippewa Valley Schools Career Cruising / Career Development Program. Students will spend one or two class periods, and possibly some additional time at home, engaged in the Career Cruising activities:

- **Creating Your Own EDP** – Each student creates a web based “Educational Development Plan” which ultimately includes the following components.
- **The Matchmaker Interest Inventory and Skills Assessment** - Students complete the interest inventory and do a skills assessment which creates a list of related careers. Results are saved into the student’s personal EDP.
- **Careers That Interest Me** - Students explore occupations of interest accessing current information.
- **Schools That Interest Me** - Students explore Colleges, Vocational schools, and Scholarships.
- **High School Educational Plan** - Students develop a 4-Year Plan to make the most of the opportunities available at Chippewa Valley or Dakota High School.
- **Abilities, Activities, and Work Experience** – Students document their participation in school and community activities as well as their work background
- **Resume Writing, Informational Interviewing, and Job Shadowing** - Students can continue their career development through these activities; with the following links:

➡ [Resume Tips](#)

➡ [Cover Letter Tips](#)

➡ [Interviewing Tips](#)

➡ [Informational interviewing](#)

➡ [Job Shadowing](#)

Parents, when your son or daughter comes home with their cruising activities, you might ask them to take you for a ride. (It will be less hair-raising than the 50 hour ride you take to get them a Michigan driver’s license!) As part of the Chippewa Valley family, you are welcome to use the Career Cruising program, too. It is easy to sign-on to the program:

[Click here for the Chippewa Valley Schools Directions for Career Cruising](#)

Click here to “log” onto the Career Cruising site: <http://careercruising.com>

You may then follow the links to engage in the activities listed above. You will not be able to save your results unless you print hard copies. Students have Career Cruising codes that allow them to save results electronically to their own Career Cruising EDP (Educational Development Plan) files. This allows easy review, updating, and extension of their career development work.

Happy cruising!