

What's New in Choices Planner?

We've been listening to your suggestions for improving Choices Planner! Here are some of the new features and enhancements we've added to improve your Choices Planner experience.

To mark the addition of these new features, we've updated the look of the sign-in page with new graphics and photos. We think you'll enjoy all the changes.

What's New Fall 2009

Increased portfolio storage – Help students make the most of their portfolios. We've increased the storage size of their portfolios so they can store more information for more personalized plans.

Portfolio passwords – To further tighten the security of our site and to reduce the number of typos in student passwords, we now ask for passwords to be entered twice when creating a portfolio.

School-wide Portfolio Creation – There is now a tool to help professionals create multiple portfolios for an entire school if they do not subscribe to the Guidance Central Custom Portfolio Services. Professionals can upload customized data files using the Create Student Portfolios feature in the Reviewer section of the Professional Tools.

Students can track graduation progress – Students can monitor their own progress as they move closer to graduation, increasing their motivation and making them more accountable for their future. They can track their enrolled and completed credits at a glance by looking in the Your Plans section of the portfolio under the heading Your School Course Plans.

Do What You Are results – If your school also subscribes to Do What You Are, the assessment results will be stored in the student portfolios under Your Personality Type & Learning Style.

Learning Style Inventory results – If your school also subscribes to the Learning Style Inventory, the assessment results will be stored in the student portfolios under Your Personality Type & Learning Style.

Search by personality type in the Career Finder – Students can find careers suited to their personality by searching by their Myers-Briggs Type Indicator.

New Career Information – Choices Planner adds new careers each year in order to reflect the changing world of work. The career selection is based on the premise that Choices Planner should reflect the U.S. labor market, including the military as one of the nation's largest employers. This information relies on the latest verifiable sources of information, particularly those developed by the U.S. Department of Labor.

This year, you'll find the following new occupations:

- Computer and Information Research Scientist
- Software Quality Assurance Engineer/Tester
- Computer System Engineer/Architect
- Network Designer
- Web Developer
- Web Administrator
- Combat Mission Support Officer (Military - Officer)
- Ordnance Officer (Military - Officer)

We've also updated our career data in response to the latest information from O*NET and other sources.

What's New Spring 2009

Improved accessibility – We've enhanced Choices Planner so it's easy to use with assistive technologies. Although it's impossible to test every assistive technology product, the standards and policies we used in these enhancements make Choices Planner compatible with most products.

Professional Tools – Professionals can now batch print course plans to save time.