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## Culminating Project Portfolio

### Requirements – Grade 9

#### *Choices Explorer*

### Identify Careers Matching Interests and Skills

No single test can tell you how to choose a career focus that is right for you. Career interests are a changing target. Most people try different careers throughout their lives and find many ways to apply their skills and interests in the world of work.

**AFTER YOU HAVE CREATED YOUR PORTFOLIO, CHOOSE EXPLORER.** Click “Start with a Quick Quiz”.

#### 1. Complete the interest and skills survey.

When you finish the quiz, you will get a list of possible careers. Notice that you can click on the careers and learn more about them. If you don't see any careers that are of interest, use the back button on the web browser to return to the Choices Explorer home page and click on “Find other ways to explore careers”. From there you can navigate directly to other choices. Click on “Your Portfolio” tab then click on “Your Journal”.

#### 2. Enter journal entry.

It is time to reflect on where you have been, who you are now, and who you hope to become. Your journal entry should include the following:

- Identify the people and experiences that have shaped you to this point. You may include family, friends, role models or mentors, and life-changing experiences. You may include what type of person you see yourself as being and how others see you. Give credit to those who have had a positive influence in your life.
- Define success and identify strengths. What is your definition of personal success? What strengths have you identified that will help you succeed in these areas of your life now and in the future?
- Identify your top three career interests and explain your educational plan. Explain how your skills, strengths, interests, and values relate to those three career interests. Explain your immediate and long-range education and career plans.
- Describe your school attendance this year. Reflect on your absences and tardies. Explain how your attendance impacts your future career and education goals.
- Describe how your present and future courses and activities will prepare you to pursue your goals.

**PRINT YOUR JOURNAL ENTRY AND TURN IN TO YOUR TEACHER.**

#### **To Create an ELECTRONIC PORTFOLIO**

Go to [www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com)

- Choose *Create a new portfolio*  
See **Career Specialist** for Site ID and Password
- Add your *Personal Information*  
Make sure the first letter of your first and last names are CAPITALIZED. No nicknames!  
Use your GRADUATING year

**Make your portfolio name the first 4 letters of your last name, then the first 3 letters of your first name, then the last 2 numbers of your graduating year, just like your school login!**

Your **password** must be your **student number** as shown on your *ASB/ID* card.

- Click *Create your portfolio then choose*
- **CHOICES Explorer**