

DCPS STUDENTS: Do you have a solid plan for your future?

District of Columbia Public Schools provides an academic, college, and career planning tool for **YOU!**

What is the IGP?

The IGP provides you with a road map to the future and keeps a record of the past. Staying on course will empower you to reach your destination – *graduation* – with all the courses, skills, and experiences needed to make informed decisions about education and career. Grade level **GUIDEWAYS** lead you through the program appropriate for your grade level.

Middle Grades Students



- **Choices Explorer:** Explore Careers, Majors, Volunteering, & Recreation opportunities
- Get ready for High School with Course Planning
- Track progress toward graduation
- Set Goals, Reflect in your Journal, & Build a Portfolio
- Discover your interests and skills with Career & Major Finder Assessments
- **Learning Style Inventory:** Discover how you learn best

High School Students



- **Choices Planner:** Explore Careers, Plan High School Courses, Learn About Majors, and Choose a College
- Set Goals, Build Resumes & Practice Interview Skills
- Learn about yourself with assessments including the Interest Profiler & Cluster Finder
- Check out up-to-date college scholarship information
- **Do What You Are:** Learn your personality type
- **Ability Profiler:** Match strengths to potential careers
- **TestGear:** Free online PSAT and SAT prep courses

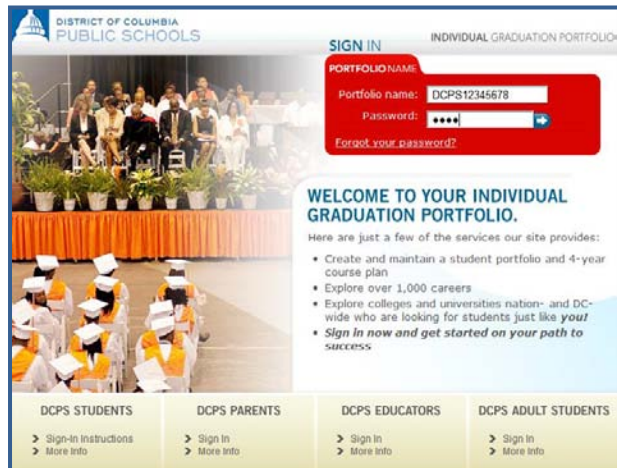
We encourage you to explore your Individual Graduation Portfolio at school and at home.



DCPS STUDENTS: How to Access your Student Portfolio

This portfolio is an important part of your academic life! It includes your interests, course plans, credits, and grades. During the school year, your school counselors and administrators will be assisting you and monitoring your progress.

1. Go to www.dcps.bridges.com
2. Enter your Portfolio name and password:
 - Portfolio Name: **DCPS#####**
(DCPS followed by your Student ID#, such as DCPS12345678)
 - Password: **DCPS**
You will be prompted to change your password when you first login.
Keep your information private! Do not share your password with your friends. If you forget your password, you can request it online or from your school counselor.



Getting Started with the Guideways

1. After signing in, click on **Choices Explorer** (Middle Grades) or **Choices Planner** (High School) from **Your Tools** page.
2. Near the middle of the home page, you will see your **Guideways**.
3. Click on **See All Available Guideways**.
4. Choose the **Guideway** for your **grade level** and start from the beginning. If you've already started the Guideway, you'll be taken to the last step you were on.

Using the Course Plan Builder

You can access your Course Plan to view your grades and courses in three different ways:

1. Click on the **Learn** tab at the top of the screen. You'll find the **Course Plan Builder** in the upper right section of the screen.
2. Work through your **Guideway** until you get to the **Course Planning** step. This will take you to the Course Plan Builder.
3. Click on the **Portfolio** tab. Click on the section called **Your Plans**. As you scroll down the page, you'll find your Course Plans.

Building Your Portfolio

Work on building your Portfolio throughout the school year. This will help you keep track of your accomplishments, activities, career exploration and plans.

1. After signing in, click on **Choices Explorer** (Middle Grades) or **Choices Planner** (High School) from **Your Tools** page.
2. Select Your **Portfolio** tab. Complete the **All About You, Things You Saved, Your Plans, Your Activities** and **Your Journal** sections throughout the year.
3. Be creative with your portfolio. Add projects, upload attachments and maintain your journal. Remember, the portfolio is a reflection of **YOU!**