

The "W"s of Educational Development Plans

Huron High School — Class of 2011

What is an EDP?

An "Educational Development Plan", EDP is a plan of action in which students identify, record career goals and an educational pathway to achieve objectives. The purpose of an EDP is to assist students in developing an on-going record of career planning that will guide them in taking effective steps to enter or advance in the career of their choice.

Who should have an EDP?

EDPs are intended for all students! Everyone plans on doing something after high school. An EDP helps a student prepare for that "next level", whatever that may be. Students will benefit from planning that involves career goal setting and determining the preparation needed to accomplish career goals. Each grade level is in a different stage of implementing the EDP process.

What is the role of the student?

The EDP is a student-centered process. It allows students to take an interactive role in the EDP development. Making decisions about one's career goals ultimately belongs to the individual. Others may be supportive of this process by providing information, resources, and offering opportunities for reflection and planning.

What is the role of parents?

Parent(s)/guardians can help their children discover opportunities in high school, colleges, volunteer opportunities, jobs etc.. that relate to their students interests and hobbies. They can also create an atmosphere of career awareness in the home and explore college/training preparation needs for various careers. Helping children to understand what they can be is the first piece of the puzzle.

What is the role of the schools?

Schools are encouraged to adapt the essential elements of EDPs. You may add to these specific elements, customize or format to meet the specific needs of your student and their career development program.

EDP Work Shops

Your Counselors offer Hands-on EDP Workshops for parents who have difficulty navigating computers or who do not have Internet access at home. These workshops are designed to help familiarize parents with the EDP software and process. The public library also offers free Internet access. Contact your counselor for additional information.

Specific Components Required each Year/Required Freshman Year Components

Update Personal Profile

Career Match Maker - Complete survey. Save 5 potential career possibilities.

Identify 2 Career Pathways in Career Prep section

Identify Short (this year) and Long Term (HS/Post Secondary) Goals in Career Prep section

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Accessing Your Student's EDP

In school, counselors visit classrooms to work with students on their EDP. Counselors teach the students how to access, utilize and maintain the "Career Cruising" EDP software that was purchased by the Ann Arbor Public Schools. Parents can help in this process as well, by encouraging your student to update their EDP outside of school.

1) Go to www.careercruising.com or use a search engine to look up "Career Cruising". You will see the following window. Login to the district site using;

Username = huron

Password = annarbor



2) Once you have logged on to the district site. You are here! Feel free to look around and explore what your student has done. You may also update, save changes and print the EDP for your portfolio. The Links provide additional resources that may be helpful.



3) Save changes to your EDP. Your student's individual login information should be . . .

username = student # (123456)

password = 1st initial of last name, student # (d123456)

Enjoy!