

TURN DREAMS INTO REALITY.

PROVIDES



a reliable foundation for career exploration by starting the process with research-based assessments.

PROMOTES



effective career preparation by introducing students to lifelong portfolio development.

HELPS



students peruse career options while making connections between coursework and the real world of work.





Navigate your career pathway.

A comprehensive online education and career planning system, the Nebraska Career Connections, powered by Kuder Navigator® helps guide middle and high school students through the critical actions they need to take to access, explore, plan, and transition successfully at each stage in their lifelong career development. **Navigator is a proven system to improve academic performance, retention, and completion rates as well as provide students with hope for the future.**



IMPACT AT-A-GLANCE

EMPOWER STUDENTS TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN LIFE WITH CONFIDENCE BY:

-  **Delivers** simple, age-appropriate content customized by developmental level—middle school versus high school.
-  **Utilizes** a unique Career Field, Cluster, and Pathway Exploration Tool based on the Nebraska Career Education Model.
-  **Flexible** education planning tools support high school completion and confident college choices.
-  **Improves** accountability, quantifies program success, and eases reporting requirements with database resources.



“Nebraska Career Connections is a **great resource**. The personal inventory skills tests are a **wonderful tool** and let the student see the multiple areas of career choices to fit their skills.”

– Linda Gibson, FCS Instructor,
High Plains Community HS,
Polk, NE

EASY STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

The system is organized in a series of action steps to optimize career exploration and planning. Students can complete them in order or select the one that meets their immediate needs.

STEP 1: LEARN ABOUT MYSELF

Starting in sixth grade, Navigator offers the research-based Kuder Career Interests Assessment®, and in seventh grade, the Kuder Skills Confidence Assessment®. High school students can also take the Kuder Work Values Assessment® to learn what they may value in the workplace.

STEP 2: EXPLORE OCCUPATIONS

Students can browse and explore occupations included in the O*NET database using a variety of search methods including the Nebraska Career Education Model. For middle school students, occupational descriptions are written to their level to ease exploration. Students can read and compare occupational descriptions and save favorites to their portfolio.

STEP 3: PLAN FOR EDUCATION

Students are able to explore various options, create goals and easily manage their four-year education plan.

STEP 4: PLAN FOR WORK *(high school students only)*

Students can prepare for the job search by creating a resume, writing a cover letter, reviewing interview tips, and more within this step.

STEP 5: FIND A JOB *(high school students only)*

It is important to understand how to find a job. The system provides students with guidance on searching for current openings and researching employers.

MY PORTFOLIO

The My Portfolio section is a place to update account information, view assessment results and education plans; develop a list of career goals; store favorite postsecondary schools; and record information such as educational accomplishments, work experiences, and planning notes.

PARENTS CAN GET INVOLVED!

Navigator supports parents being involved in their child’s career planning by providing them with a free account. Once logged in, they can access messages and alerts; take a virtual tour; monitor a career planning timeline; view their child’s portfolio; and access informational resources and websites.

“KUDER GIVES HOPE FOR THE FUTURE”

A 2012 national survey conducted by Dr. Jerry Trusty, Pennsylvania State University researcher, asked high school graduates from 2010, 2011, and 2012 about their experience using Kuder Navigator. This sampling of high school students overwhelmingly stated that “Kuder gave them hope for their future.”

