

Quick Guide

Nebraska Career Connections (NCC) features Kuder® Navigator, a comprehensive and developmentally-appropriate online system that helps middle and high school students learn about themselves, build education plans, and prepare for various options after high school. Navigator also provides resources for parents and educators in order to support career guidance, track progress, and ease data-driven decision making.

This quick reference guide provides brief instructions and information on Navigator and its navigation menu options. Kuder, Inc. offers face-to-face and online training sessions to support effective usage and understanding of the system. For more information on these training options or to schedule a session, please contact us at **877.999.6227** or **support@kuder.com**.

Administrative Registration

Follow these registration instructions to begin using your Kuder® Administrative Database Management System.

- Go to **www.nebraskacareerconnections.org** and click on **New Users**.
- Select **Administrator, counselor, or other authorized person** and click **Continue**.
- Complete the Personal Information section; create a User Name and Password; and enter your Organization Access Code and Password that were supplied in your implementation email from Kuder, Inc. Write your user name and password below for future reference.

User Name: _____ Password: _____

- Click **Register** to complete the process and access your Administrative Database Management System home page.

Registration/Login Instructions for Students

Follow these instructions to get your students started using Kuder Navigator.

- Log into your Administrative Database Management System.
- Select **Administration** from the top navigation menu and then click on **Activation Codes**.
- Copy the Navigator Activation Code.
- Select **Tools & Resources** from the top navigational menu.
- Under “Kuder Navigator” select the **Individual Login Instructions**.
- Paste or type the Navigator Activation Code in the appropriate space.
- Print these instructions for your students, which walk them through registering, taking an assessment, and logging in.

Administrative Database

Your administrative database provides system alerts, resource files and links, and access to tools via the top navigation menu:

- Home – Navigate the database.
- Reports – Get assessment reports, review usage reports, and access activity reports.
- Tools & Resources – Utilize resource files, post a message, access the Curriculum Manager, and more.
- Administration – Update account information, manage system users, and manage user access.

Logging In

To log in again, go to **www.nebraskacareerconnections.org**, click **Log In**, enter your user name and password, and click **Log In** again.





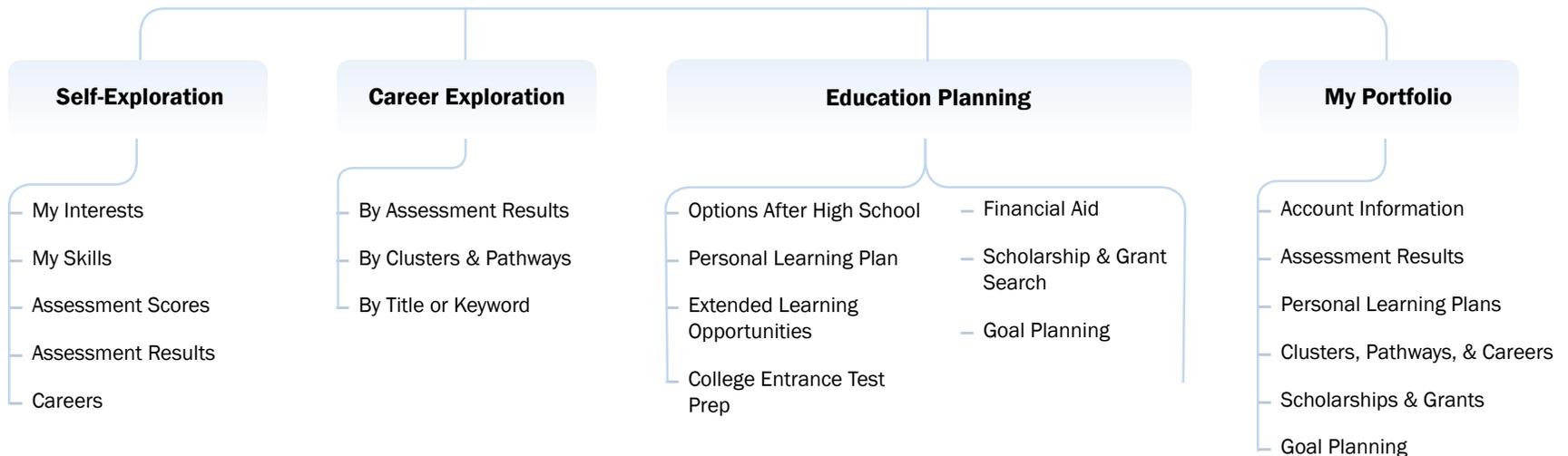
Site Maps & Navigation Menu Options

Navigator delivers simple, age-appropriate content customized by developmental level, middle school versus high school. Career exploration and education planning resources are designed specifically for students in grades 6-12 and tailored to the unique needs of each grade. As a result, it is divided into four divisions and provides a different top navigation menu accordingly: 1) Middle School: 6th Grade; 2) Middle School: 7th-8th Grade; 3) High School: 9th-12th Grade; and 4) Parent. A student may update their grade level from the “My Profile” area of the system.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: 6th Grade Site Map



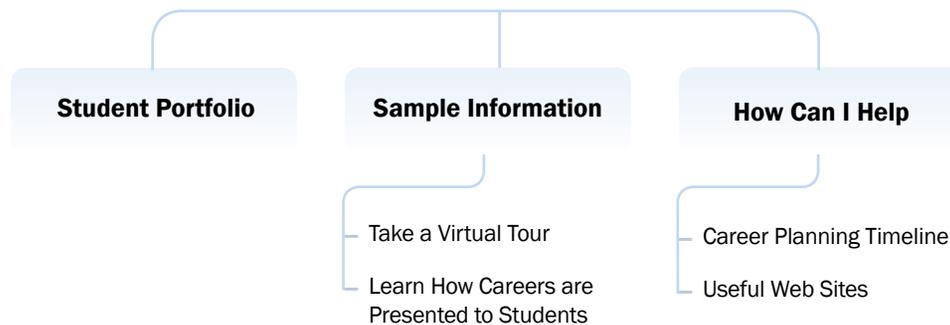
Middle School: 7th-8th Grade Site Map



High School: 9th-12th Grade Site Map



Parent Site Map



Student Features

Navigator guides middle school and high school students through a series of developmentally-appropriate education and career planning steps.

- **Self-Exploration**

This section offers the research-based *Kuder® Career Interests Assessment* and *Kuder® Skills Confidence Assessment*. Assessment results are aligned to the 16 National career clusters and provided in easy-to-read and printer-friendly reports. For sixth-graders, an interest checklist helps gather information on occupations for broad exploration. In addition to the interest and skills assessments, high schoolers can also take *Kuder® Work Values Assessment* to learn about their workplace preferences, enter assessment scores manually, and view a list of occupations generated from their assessment results.

- **Career Exploration**

Students can browse and explore occupations from the more than 1,000 included in the *O*NET* database. For middle school students, occupational descriptions are written to their level to ease exploration of future possibilities. High school students can read and compare *O*NET* occupation descriptions of interest and save favorites to their portfolio. *Navigator* also provides them with three main ways to create a list and explore occupations: by clusters and pathways, by assessment results, and by a title or keyword search.

- **Education Planning**

This section provides information on the various options students have after high school: going directly to work, entering military service, entering on-the-job training or apprenticeship, entering schools that offer an associate degree or less, and entering a four-year college. Students can easily create or update a personal learning plan for high school and beyond. At the high school level, students can also explore extended learning opportunities, postsecondary schools, and financial aid information.

- **Job Planning (High School Students Only)**

Whether high school students are planning for a summer job or a full-time job after high school, this section helps them prepare for the job search by providing directional guidance on how to develop a résumé, write a cover letter, collect a list of references, and more.

- **Job Search (High School Students Only)**

Once students have learned about preparing and planning for work, they can learn how to find job openings, search for jobs on the Internet, research employers, and create an electronic *Kuder® e-Portfolio*. The *e-Portfolio* becomes a student's web page of achievements and goals and may be shared online.

- **My Portfolio**

The My Portfolio section is a place to update account information; view and save assessment results; develop a list of career goals, activities, and awards; and store postsecondary schools of interest. High school students may also use the My Portfolio section to access features that help them learn about themselves, explore education and career options, and record information such as educational accomplishments and work experiences.

Training Notes

**For additional training and support, please contact the
Kuder Customer Support team Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CT.**

