

EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN (EDP)

An Education Development Plan (EDP) provides a plan of action and an ongoing record of these career and educational decisions.

It also guides the student in accomplishing these goals. Implementing EDPs with middle school students in the 7th grade and 8th grades and continuing throughout high school promotes their learning and decision-making process; they update their EDP least once yearly in their classes or periodically in high school as the need arises.

The **careercruising.com** web site provides the initial step by students' completion of the Career Matchmaker interest survey which results in two top pathways of interest emerging from the six Michigan Career Pathways. Your child has the building access code for access to the web site. High school and middle school counselors have your school's access codes as well.

The following essential EDP Elements also form the structure of a Resume which can be created at the **careercruising.com** web site. It is an ideal tool for career planning and document assembly.

- Personal Data
- Career Goal(s)
- Identification of Career Pathways
- Education/Training Goal(s)
- Career Assessment Highlights
- Career Planning Activities
- Work Experience
- Volunteer Experience
- Course Selection (required and elective)
- Post-Secondary Education Options
- Parent Consultation/Endorsement

