



Dear Parents and Guardians,

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We would like to introduce you to a new program the Florida Department of Education has provided to help your child prepare for academic, career, and future success. Pursuant to the statutory requirements found in Section 1003.4156, Florida Statutes, in order for a student to be promoted to high school from a school that includes middle grades 6, 7, and 8, the student must successfully complete one course in career and education planning. In this Internet-based course, which will be customizable to each student and will include research-based assessments to assist students in determining educational and career options and goals, in middle school each student must develop and complete a personalized academic and career plan through a course that is Internet-based, customizable to each student, and include research-based assessments to assist students in determining educational and career options and goals. As the student progresses through middle school and high school, their plan may be revised. The tool that the state of Florida is providing for this plan is called **Xello**.

**Xello** is an engaging online program that helps students build the skills, knowledge and plans to be future ready. The program uses an investigative, discovery-based learning process. Students better understand themselves, their future career options, and the 21st century skills they'll need to succeed.

In elementary school during media time or subject area exploration time, K-2 students will explore different careers in the community. In grades 3-5, students will complete interest surveys to discover different careers that they can explore for their future. Each year, students take an interest survey as their interests can and will change. In middle school, students use **Xello** to create a career action plan during their career planning social studies course. In high school, with their school counselor and the college and career advisors, students will use the action plan to build a portfolio that help them plan their college or career path following graduation from high school.

**With Xello, your child will:**

- **Build Self-knowledge (In Grades K-12)**  
Define their interests, skills, preferences, and aspirations so they can explore the opportunities right for them.
- **Explore Options (In Grades K-12)**  
Learn about career possibilities and educational pathways by exploring rich, engaging content and lessons.
- **Learn & Reassess (In Grades K-12)**  
Interactive lessons help your child develop age-appropriate skills and knowledge for success in school and beyond.
- **Create a Plan (In Grades 6-12)**  
Your child can create dynamic actionable plans that outline the steps needed to achieve school, career, and life goals. This component is required to be completed by the end of middle school years.

**Parent Involvement**

You are encouraged to explore Xello with your child by logging in together at **www.xello.world**. Your child can log in to his or her account via desktop or mobile device to share what they have learned about themselves, the world of work, and their future options.

**Safe and Secure Environment**

We take data protection and privacy very seriously. So does Xello. The program complies with legal requirements for safety and security outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). That means advertising is not displayed within Xello, nor is data used for commercial purposes. Xello is also a signatory of the Student Privacy Pledge, requiring them to uphold strict standards for safeguarding student privacy regarding the collection, maintenance, and use of student personal information. Xello has agreed to the data privacy and sharing agreement required by the school district.

You can learn more about Xello and the student experience by visiting **www.xello.world**.

We hope you're just as excited as we are about this new program and making every student future ready. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's school counselor for more information.