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Online college and career exploration available at www.bridges.com

The high school has a site license for Choices Planner and Choices Explorer again this year; this is an excellent way for students to do career and college explorations. For them to access this service they go to www.bridges.com. Our site ID is **1011683** and the password is **atchison**. Students will need to create a new portfolio and then go to the career explorer.

Students should also create a new testGEAR account at that same site. testGEAR is an online course designed to help every student achieve higher test scores. Each student receives a personalized study plan based on a brief diagnostic test. Depending on the course, students are guided through 25 to 50 hours of online instruction that strengthens skills with the subject matter, it also introduces test-taking strategies and builds confidence with many short practice tests and full-length exams. testGEAR online courses are proven to improve student performance on big exams like the PLAN, PSAT, ACT and state-wide exams. If you are interested in learning more about this powerful new online tool for our students, please contact the high school counselor, Karen Benson. Be sure to ask you son or daughter about taking this new online course. It is provided at no charge by our school and can lead to stronger academic skills, better college admission test performance and possible scholarships.