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## Written Career Interest Assessments

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Written career interest assessments are useful tools for increasing student awareness and understanding of possible careers.

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These assessments generally present a list of job tasks or activities, ask users to rate their preference for each task or activity, and then suggest careers that align with the users' preferences.

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Career interest assessments are also known as vocational interest assessments, career interest inventories, or vocational interest inventories.

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When selecting a written assessment, consider the student's reading level, preference for paper-pencil or online format, and the length of time to complete the assessment.

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Collection of ongoing interest assessment data provides a record of how student interests change over time in response to engaging in career preparation and exploration activities.

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