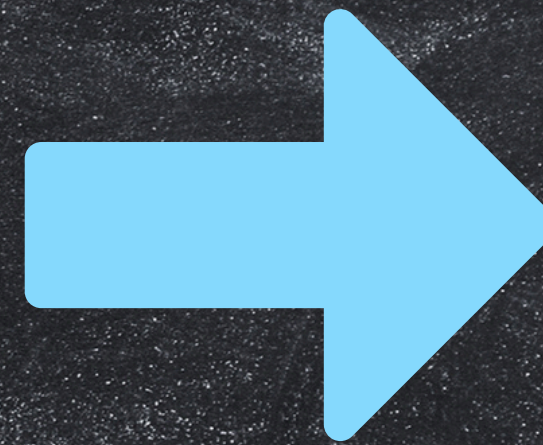# Welcome

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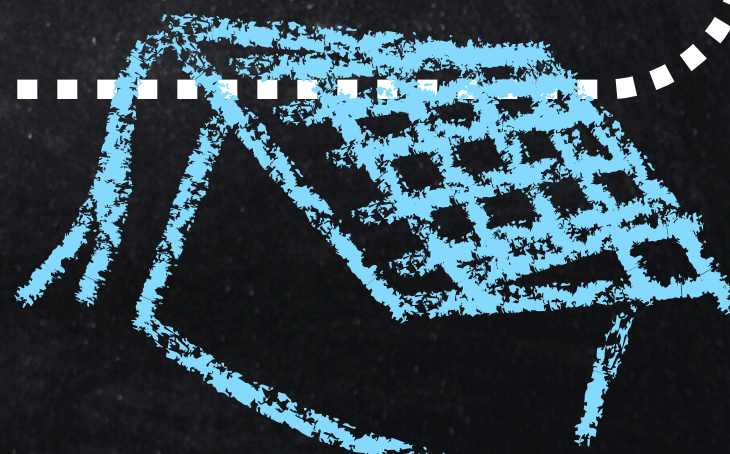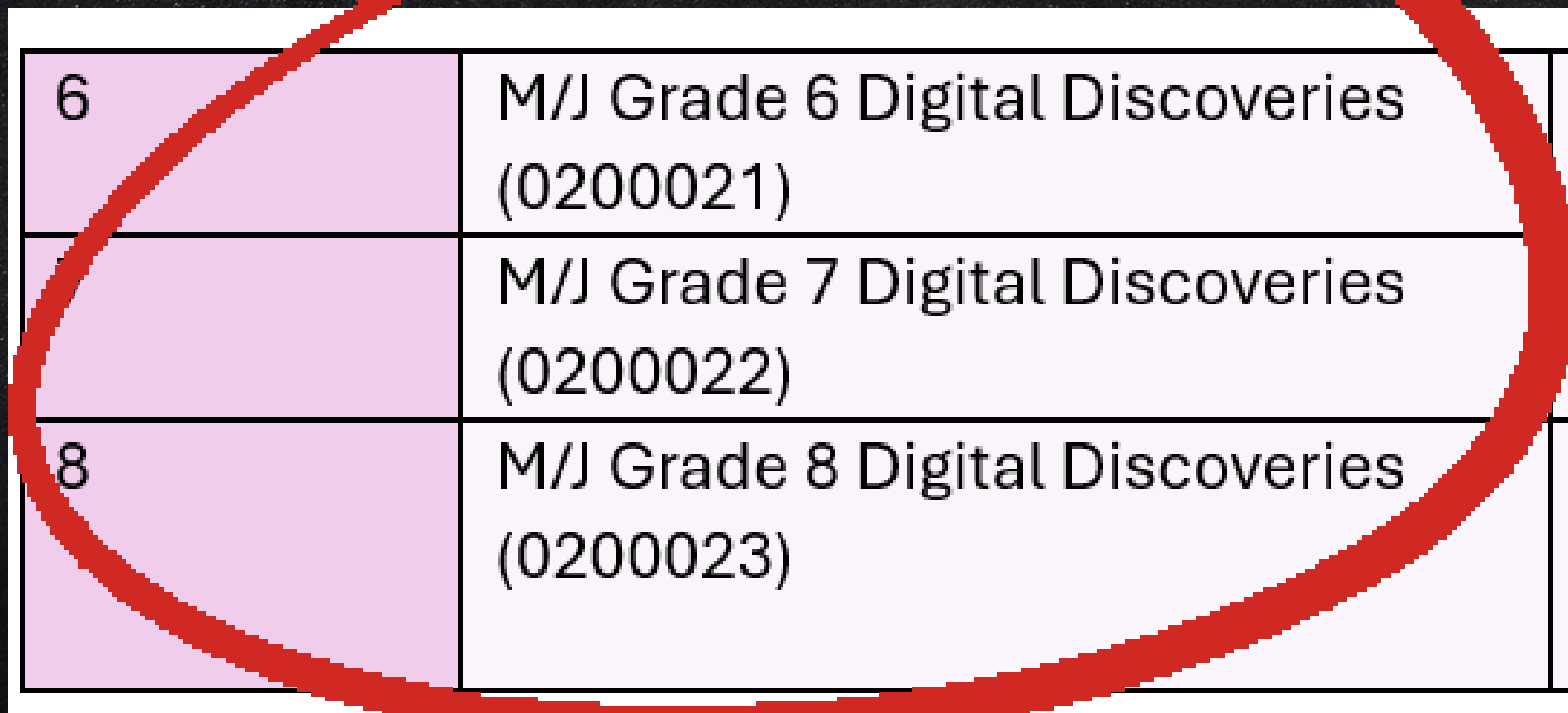
FROM ICT & CSD ➡️

DIGITAL DISCOVERIES

- Florida shifted from ICT (Information & Communication Technology) & Computer Science Discoveries to Digital Discoveries.

- Focus: blending career exploration + digital skills.

- Students explore 17 Career Clusters, workplace readiness, and coding/technology essentials.

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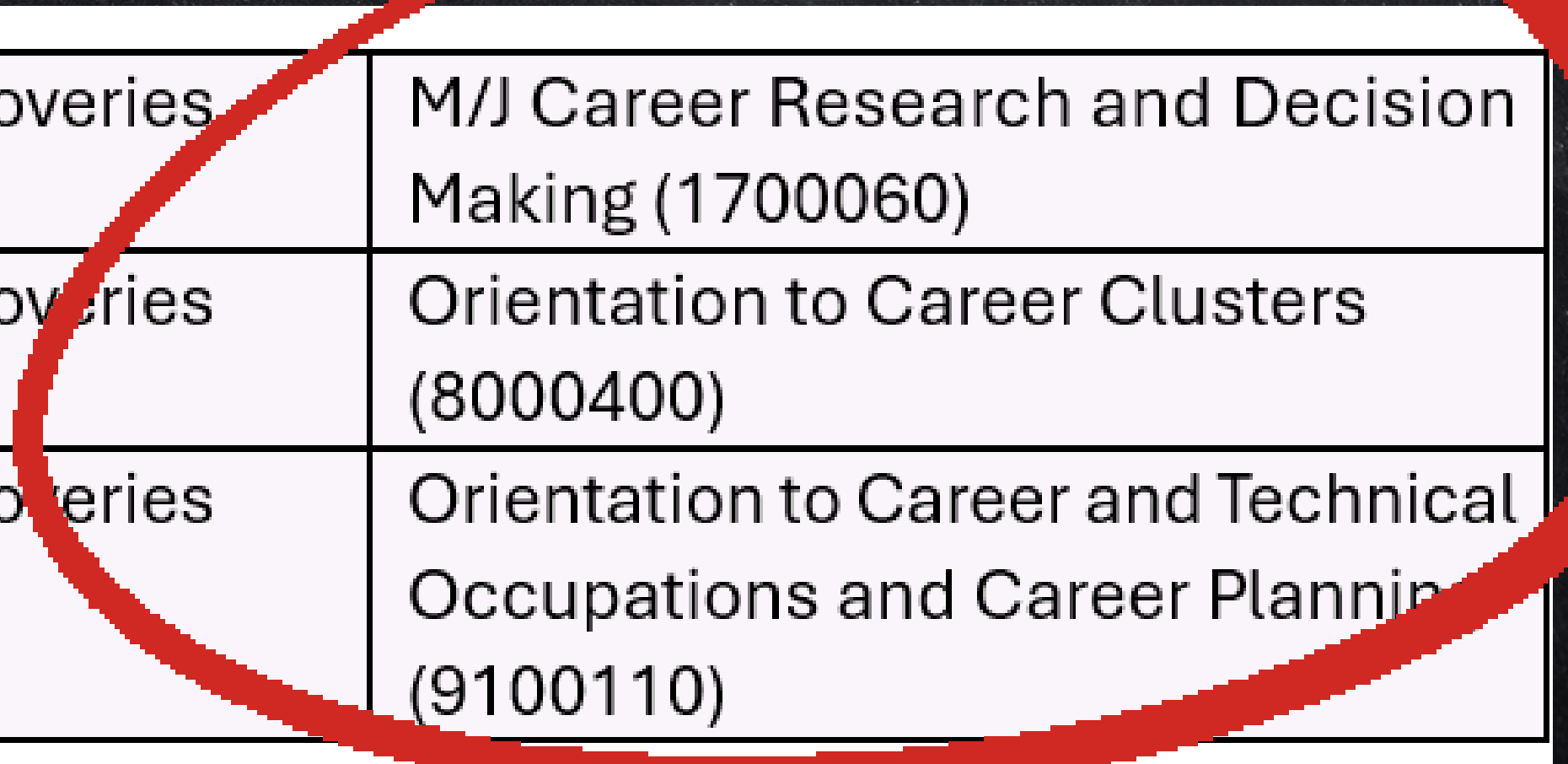
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WHAT IS XELLO? WHY DO STUDENTS USE IT?

Online platform for career & self-discovery

Starts in middle school
→ continues in high school
→ beyond

Students complete:

Interest surveys
Career cluster matches
Learning style & skills reflections

Helps build a career & academic plan

8TH GRADE DIGITAL DISCOVERIES & CAREER PLANNING – KEY TOPICS

This course will help you build the following skills...

CAREER PLANNING	COMPUTING ESSENTIALS	INTRO TO PROGRAMMING
INTRODUCTION TO AI	SPREADSHEETS	PROGRAMMING CONCEPTS

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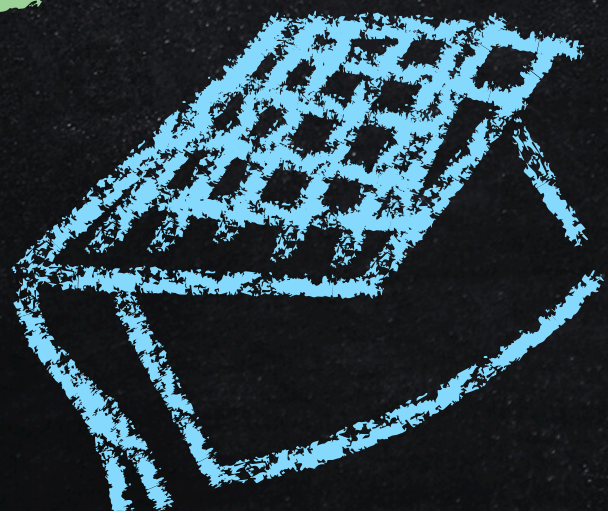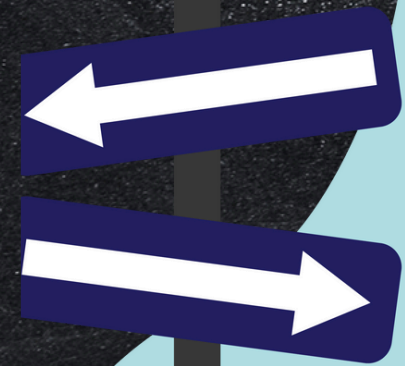|		
CAREER CLUSTERS	COMMUNICATIONS ESSENTIALS	CAREER SKILLS
WEB DESIGN	SPREADSHEETS	INTRODUCTION TO CODING

CAREER CHOICE

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND

- Builds a foundation for Career Academies in high school
- Develops technical skills: coding, spreadsheets, web design, AI
- Encourages self-awareness & planning for the future
- Students graduate middle school with:
- Career cluster knowledge
- Tech and problem-solving skills
- A plan for high school and beyond

GRADING

30%

70%

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS

Giving students and teachers valuable feedback, so that adjustments can be made.

Quick checks for understanding

Apply what they've been learning

Students demonstrate mastery by doing rather than just answering questions.

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS

Summatives assessments are the big demonstrations of learning at the end of a unit or major topic.

SCHOOLOGY = OUR CLASS HUB

- Students log in every day to see the daily agenda
- Weekly agendas posted for long-term planning
- All assignments, materials, and resources are here
- Students check their grades daily to stay on track
- Built-in messaging system for student-teacher communication

GRADES SCREEN

Grading category →

FA - Formative Assessment (30%)

← Overall grade in the category.

60%

These are assignments
- assignment name
  - clickable
- due date
- due time

Career Cluster Gallery Walk   8/18/25 3:00pm   📊   10/ 10

← Assignment grade: points earned/point value

Exit Ticket 8.18.25   8/18/25 3:00pm   📊   5/ 5

Career Choice Bias Understanding   8/20/25 3:00pm   📊   0 ⬡ Missing

← 🚨

Career Cluster Scavenger Hunt   8/20/25 3:00pm   📊   —

Needs immediate attention. The assessment was NOT submitted by the student. This equals a ZERO until submitted.

Career Cluster Matching   8/21/25 3:00pm   📊   —

Explore a Career Cluster! Poster Project   8/22/25 3:00pm   📊   —

Grading category →

SA - Summative Assessment (70%)   —

LET'S HAVE A GREAT YEAR!