






The High School Homestretch



Prepare for graduation and explore post-high school education and training options. The last two years of high school are formative in shaping next steps.

Conversation Starters

-  **LISTEN** “What is one thing you are looking forward to after high school and are excited about doing?”
-  **LISTEN** “What do you envision for yourself after high school?”
-  **LISTEN** “Which supports and resources can you turn to as you prepare for life after high school?”
-  **LISTEN** “Who can you look to for different advice about jobs, careers, training, and education?”
-  **SHARE** What you wish you had known in high school regarding planning for the future.

Check In & Ask The Youth

Junior Year Planning & Options

- How is your junior year different from prior years, and what is important to you to accomplish this year?
- What are your goals for the year?
- Does your school counselor have checklists for post-high school education planning and career planning?
- Are you interested in participating in dual enrollment or other flexible pathways?
- Have you started planning for summer break activities (volunteer work, part-time job, enrichment program)?






Work-Based Learning (WBL) Opportunities

- Who in your school is responsible for coordinating WBL opportunities? If you don't know, how could you find out?
- What WBL activities interest you (career interest inventory, informational interviews, workplace tours, job shadows, internships, etc.)?
- Have you participated in WBL activities that match your interests?

Suggested Activities

(Click on the activities below to view)

-  **COMPLETE** **Personal Pitch:** Learn the elements of a personal pitch.
-  **COMPLETE** **Interview Practice:** Review interview resources and learn how to prepare for an interview.
-  **EXPLORE** **Beyond High School:** Select an in-person or virtual activity that fits the youth's interests.

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