

Preparing for College and Post-Secondary Success!



Is your child in or entering middle school?

Now is the time to begin thinking about the future!

The future means different things to different people. For some students, it may mean going to high school and then college. For others it may mean going to a post-secondary institution to learn to become a welder, or electrician or to work in an other specialty trade, or completing certifications to obtain jobs that offer continuing growth. The list goes on, but whatever your student's dreams are, they are going to need your help as they prepare to thrive past high school.

We believe that every family can help lead their child successfully to and through a post-secondary education offering them a career path.





These checklists are here to help you and your student start talking about life after high school, as well as the things that will affect their path to a successful career.

One of the most important conversations your child will have is with their school counselor. They can provide information about accelerated learning programs and getting college credit as a middle or high school student for FREE.

EXCEL: Help your student do their best

- Take the right classes.
- Develop a solid study routine and stick to it.
- Get organized by using a planner or other online tools to help them stay on track.

ENGAGE Take the time to talk to your student about important matters

- Encourage extra-curricular activities. Be a role model for them by volunteering.
- Ask about and get to know your student's friends and their families.
- Discuss how to make good choices about appropriate safe behavior online and on the phone.
- Share your expectations along with the risks of unsafe behaviors like drinking, doing drugs and having sex.

EXPLORE: Discuss different career paths and what it may take to get there

- Get information about Choice and Career Academy options for high school by attending The School District of Palm Beach County's "Showcase of Schools" annual event.
- Find out about scholarships and ways to pay for college.
- Have your student take career assessments.
- Talk about different colleges and career paths.

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