

11th Grade






FUTURE EXPLORATION GUIDE

The High School Home-Stretch



Preparing for graduation and exploring 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 do 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 a checklist 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 work-based learning 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 Match Activities



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 Activity; Youth Interest;* Select an in-person or virtual activity that fits the youth's interests.

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