

# Life After High School

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# About me

- WHAT DO I DO?
- HOW DID I GET THERE?

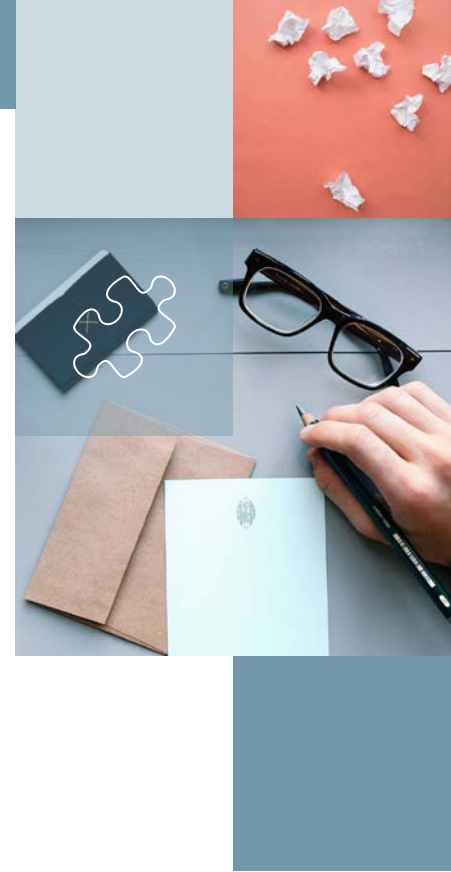
# What about you?

Will the choices you have made through HS have a positive impact on your future?

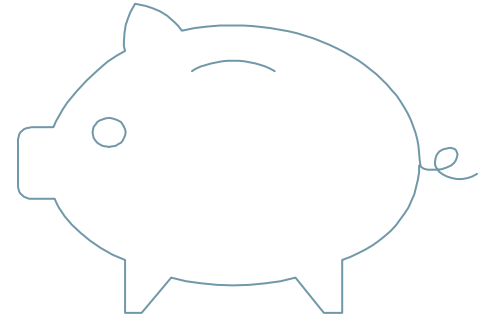


# Life after high school:

- Work
- College
- Military
- Nothing?!



**How many of you  
earn money right  
now?**



# Jump ahead to life after graduation (high school or later, after college)

- You are on your own
- You are entering the workforce, or military
- You do not receive any money or allowance from your parents/family

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# How does \$3,000 a month sound to you?



# Average Monthly Expenses

## Item

Federal State Income Taxes \*Based on \$2000  
monthly income

Social Security Taxes

Housing (Rent – 1 Bdrm, unfurn)

Utilities (gas, electric, water)

Insurance (car, renter/house, personal)

Car Payment (depends on type/age of car)

Gas, Oil, etc.

Food

Clothing

Medical Expenses

Cell, Phone, Cable and Internet

Entertainment

Personal Items

Miscellaneous

Savings

**Total Monthly Expenses**

## Amount

\$407\*

\$153\*

\$580

\$130

\$150

\$300

\$ 80

\$300

\$150

\$100

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**\$3050.00**






# \$2,000 Monthly Workseet

\$11.50 per hour = \$2,000 per month = \$24,000/year



## What are your options?





# Minimum wage job \$19,750 year

(\$9.50 hour x 40 hours x 52 weeks)

**\$1646 per month**

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## Your desired future income! You choose!

DRIVE  
PASSION  
AND

## Hot Jobs Cool Companies

**Multiple Pathways  
to Advance:**

- *HS Diploma*
- *2 Year Degree*
- *4 Year Degree*
- *School to Work*
- *Career Change*
- *Military to Manufacturing*



# World-class Local Jobs

Potential salary with 2-year Associate Degree or Certificate starting wage

Industry Mechanic	\$32,000 - \$62,000
Industrial Engineering Technician	\$28,000 - \$60,000
Welders and Solderers	\$27,000 - \$48,000
Machinist	\$27,000 - \$70,000
Electro Mechanical Technician	\$37,000 - \$72,000
Medical Lab Technician	\$41,000 - \$62,000
Certified Nurse Assistant	\$22,000 - \$33,000
Medical Records Technician	\$39,000 - \$62,000
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$32,000 - \$55,000
Computer Support Specialist	\$29,000 - \$66,000
Teacher Assistant	\$18,000 - \$40,000



# World-class Local Jobs

## Potential salary with 4-year Bachelors Degree

Network and Computer Systems Administrators	\$43,000 - \$95,000
Engineers	\$52,000 - \$114,000
Accountants and Auditors	\$39,000 - \$89,000
Database Administrators\	\$52,000 - \$118,000
Physician Assistants	\$83,000 - \$141,000
Registered Nurses	\$50,000 - \$95,000
Industrial Production Managers	\$60,000 - \$120,000
W riters, Editors, and Public Relations	\$27,000 - \$103,000
Social W orkers	\$37,000 - \$74,000
Teachers	\$35,000 - \$85,000

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# College prep

- Stay on track with classes and grades
- Explore your options – visit college websites  
talk with counselor, parents
- Take ACT, other needed assessments
- Organize campus visits
- Prepare applications
- Apply for financial aid, scholarships, etc  
when applicable.

# Preparing for workforce...

## Social Skills and Attitude

teamwork, work ethic, being self-motivated, creative, responsible, work safely, leadership, innovative, honest, dependable, on time & ready for work

## Math and Science

Problem solving and planning

## Reading and Communications

including speaking, grammar, and writing

## Computers and Technology



A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding an open blue book. The book is held open, showing its pages. Below the open book, there is a stack of three closed books with orange, yellow, and red covers. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue. A semi-transparent blue rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing white text.


**Don't wait to figure out  
your life AFTER high  
school is over.**



# Great News!

You have many resources in your school and community to help you! Let's start preparing today! Begin by thinking about more education beyond high school – even a certification or 2 year degree can pay off in a big way!



A background image showing a person's hands writing in a notebook with a pen. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark overlay to make the text stand out.

# Three Simple Preparation Steps for making a college visit, or preparing for a Job Interview:

1. know yourself
2. be aware of your social media presence
3. be prepared for first impressions:
  - dress
  - communication
  - attitude

# Who are you?

Be able to articulate YOUR

- Skills
- Values
- Interests
- Abilities
- Long term plans
- Be able to give examples of them
- Think on your feet
- Think outside the box
- Use common sense







# Preparing for the job interview or college visit:

- Familiarize yourself with the location – know where you are going
- Have a copy of resume or school transcript with you
- Have a few questions prepared to ask the person you are meeting
- Anticipate stressors
- Plan your attire



# Interview process



- Casual conversation
- “How was the traffic?, did you find us O.K.?”
- Down to business
- Actual interview begins
- Listen, buzzwords, new info.
- Employer will discuss company/position
- Proceed to ask questions about skills, etc.
- Situational questions (“How would you handle..”)
- End by asking if you have questions (prepare in advance to have your questions ready)

# Interview process



- Closing the interview  
Employer initials
- Standing up, shaking hands  
*“Thank-you for interviewing”*
- Prepare closing statement  
*“Thank you for taking the time to interview me, I’m very interested in this position...”*



# Attire: Rules of thumb

- No sleeveless shirts
- Make sure your clothes are clean and free of wrinkles
- No open toe shoes
- Clothes should be comfortable - avoid too tight, too short

## Different types of dress

**Professional Dress** – tie, pressed slacks, blouse, blazer

Interview outfit

Daily clothing for professional office setting

**Business Casual Dress** – pressed shirt, slacks, blouse

Casual office environment

**Casual Dress** – slacks, polo, capris, sweater

Fridays, travel days



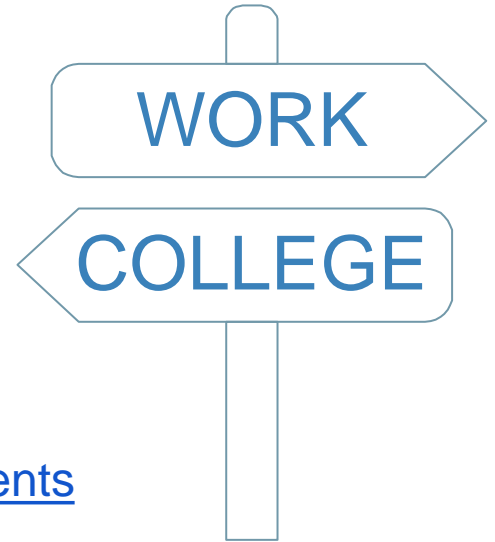


## Your high school offers ways to help you with:

- Make college or career connections
- Help explore your abilities and interests
- Work out academic or personal issues

## Your community offers ways to help you with:

- Career exploration  
[www.hotjobscoolcompanies.com](http://www.hotjobscoolcompanies.com)
- Financial questions –  
<https://www.affinityplusfoundation.org/Education/Students>



**These simple suggestions  
will give you greater  
opportunities!**

