

Guidance News

Junior-Postsecondary Education

Term 2

Postsecondary Education/Training

10 Steps

to COLLEGE

1. Plan your Finances, Now
2. Determine your strengths
3. Get Good Grades in Tough Courses
4. Make Tests Work For You
5. Excel Outside of Class
6. Find the Right Schools for You
7. Read, Write, Visit
8. Find Yourself in Their Pie Chart
9. Present Yourself Successfully
10. Choose, Apply, Enroll

—For more information visit:

http://www.pbs.org/tenstepstocollege/tensteps_main.html

What do you think of when you hear someone say postsecondary education or training? When you hear someone talking about postsecondary training

they are usually referring to ANY training or education you receive after high school. This can come in the form of college, the military, on the job training or apprenticeship programs. If you decide college is the route for you, you must decide if you want to attend a 4 year school, 2 year school, career school or technical school. Your decision should mainly be based on what type of career you are wanting. Some careers/jobs require a 4 year degree and some don't. If you decide to enlist in the military you have to decide what branch is the best fit for you. Ap-

prenticeship programs are offered in many hands on, high skilled professions that do not require a college degree but do require you to be highly trained. For information on apprenticeship programs visit: <http://www.doleta.gov/oa/> or

<https://inaflcio.org/apprenticeships-training>. Indiana also has the NEXT LEVEL JOBS program. Next Level Jobs train and provide you with a certificate in a high demand, high wage job. The best thing about NEXT LEVEL JOBS...it is completely free training. The state of Indiana pays for your training!!

College Days

All juniors have the opportunity to take one waived college day during the junior year. If you take advantage of this day early, you will have time to research other colleges in the event you aren't happy with the first school you visit. When taking a college day you must bring back a signed slip from the school you visit. If you follow the proper procedure this day will NOT count against your attendance



NACAC (National Association of College Admissions

Counselors:

Tips for Parents: Dos and don'ts for college admissions

- ◆ Do learn about the college admission process
- ◆ Do discuss restrictions up front
- ◆ Don't limit choices based on fees
- ◆ Do remind your child of deadlines
- ◆ Do listen and offer advice when asked
- ◆ Don't make decisions for your son or daughter
- ◆ Do encourage and celebrate

Some of the 40 public colleges and 31 private colleges in Indiana. For a complete list of Indiana schools visit: <http://www.learnmoreindiana.org/college/choosing-a-college/indiana-college-map/>

8 Factors to consider when picking a college

1. Size
2. Academic Programs offered
3. Admission Standards– Make sure you are researching admission requirements before your senior year
4. Location
5. Cost
6. Campus Environment
7. Academic Assistance
8. Special Interest– all male, all female, religious affiliation, military programs, student organizations, study-abroad programs



Check out your return on investment for college:

<https://www.in.gov/che/4865.htm>

KnowHow2GO

Helpful information about going to college – 4 steps to college– information on what you should do each year of middle and high school to prepare for college and much more

<http://www.knowhow2go.org/>

NCAA or NAIA

If your child is interested in collegiate athletics, they will need to register with the NCAA or NAIA. This can be done the junior year. For information on the NCAA visit <https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2014/10/24/how-to-register.aspx>

To register with the NCAA visit <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/register/CERTIFICATION>

To register with the NAIA visit <http://www.playnaia.org/>

Research Colleges: The Learn More website is a great way to find out about colleges– www.learnmoreindiana.org



Click on Colleges to find valuable information such as:

- College Navigator– answer questions about what type of college and major you are interested in and find out what schools fit your answers
- Compare admission requirements for all Indiana schools

You can also check out the guidance page on our school website. We have a link to every college in Indiana–

svalley.k12.in.us

COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES

Take college credit courses while in high school. English, Lit, Speech, Pre Calculus, Trig, Finite, Chemistry, Creative Writing, US History, Art History, Health Science, Med Terms, Construction, Engineering, Fire Rescue, Agriculture, Criminal Justice, Auto Tech and Welding

More in the works for next year!!