

Talk to Your Child About Postsecondary Education or Training: A Checklist for Parents

Use these questions and checklist to begin a conversation with your child about postsecondary education and training. Be sure to read PACER's handout, "[Transition to Postsecondary Education or Training: What Parents Can Do Now](#)" for more information.

What are my abilities and strengths?

How does my disability affect my learning and ability to show what I know on tests?

What accommodations do I need to be successful?

What postsecondary education or training programs do my teachers and school counselors recommend for my areas of interest?

What classes will I need to take in high school to help prepare for my future goals?

What else might I want to know about postsecondary education or training?

Use this checklist of skills to prepare for postsecondary education or training:

| Yes | Unsure | No | |
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| | | | I would like help finding information about postsecondary education. |
| | | | I would like help finding a job training program. |
| | | | I would like help finding money to pay for school. |
| | | | I would like to live close to home. |
| | | | I want to live on campus. |
| | | | I know a school I want to attend. |
| | | | I want to go to a school where I know someone. |
| | | | I understand my rights and responsibilities as a postsecondary student. |
| | | | I know what type of assistive technology (AT) support and other accommodations I need to be successful. |

Depending on your answers to the above statements, consider if this is an area you would like to learn more about. Share this information with your child's IEP team.