

Talking to Your Counselor

8 for 8th graders

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Regular, one-on-one conversations with a mentor will make all the difference as you plan for life after high school. Consider these questions and jot down a few notes before you meet with your counselor. You'll show up prepared for your next step.

When you think about your future, what seems most important to you?

Do you have a particular career in mind, a place you want to live, or a lifestyle you want to lead?

What kinds of subjects do you enjoy the most? Do you think you might want to study something similar in college or pursue a related career?

Do you understand the requirements to graduate from high school and your options for college and training that can lead to a career?

Do you have some ideas about how you can pay for college or training?

Do you know about advanced placement, dual enrollment classes, or career technical education options that might help you earn college credits or technical certifications while you're in high school? Are you interested in these options?

If you aren't planning to go to college, what would you like to do after high school? What questions do you have about how you can achieve your goals?

