

Talking to Your Counselor

12 for 12th 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.

What are your top three options for school or work after you graduate and how are you preparing to take the next step?

Do you know kids who graduated from your school who chose the path you want to take? What made them decide to pursue that option? Have you connected with them to learn more?

What schools, training programs, or apprenticeships are you considering applying to, and what interests you about these options?

Are you aware of any local scholarship opportunities you might be able to apply for?

Do you understand the forms and deadlines to apply for financial aid?

Do you know which teachers you'll ask for letters of recommendation, and how you can make it easy for them to help you?

Do you know how to get your test scores and transcripts to go along with your applications?

Do you know if you qualify for fee waivers for your college applications?

Do you or your family need help filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form?

Do you know what you should be doing over the summer to get ready for your next move?

