

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	
			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.