Taking Initiative: Options After High School

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Goals for Today

Today you will:

- understand there are multiple possible options after high school
- access the A-G requirements & review your transcript for A-G eligibility
- distinguish among requirements for various pathways and choose one possible pathway for yourself after high school
AGENDA

Understanding Options:
- work
- military
- colleges and universities, including technical & vocational schools

Are YOU A-G Eligible?

First Steps after High School - and how to get there
Pre-Assessment

What is “Post-secondary?”

Any pursuit after high school - Including colleges, universities, and trade schools, joining the military, participating in a gap year or service program, or working full time.
Post-Secondary Pathways (life after high school)

- **Trade School**: Training for specific careers/jobs
- **Military/ROTC**: Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)
- **Work**: Promotion within your current employer
- **College**: 2-year, 4-year
- **Gap Year**: Starting college a year after high school
Community College Certificate Programs

Certificates designed to build on a specific skill area or course of study. Here are some examples:

**College of San Mateo**
- Fire Technology
- Cybersecurity
- Cosmetology
- Tax Preparer
- Electronic Music
- EMT

**Canada College**
- Payroll Specialist
- Cloud Computer
- Video Game Design
- Theatre Costuming
- Interior Design
- Medical Assistant
- Laser Technician

**Skyline College**
- Automotive Technology
- Biotech Manufacturing
- Digital Film-Making
- Network Engineering
- Paralegal Assistant
- Esthetician
- Anesthesia Technician
Additional Resources

Trade & Apprenticeship Programs

- Trades Introduction Program - TIP San Mateo
- Apprenticeship programs
- Programs by County
- San Mateo County Electrical Joint Apprenticeship & Training Center
- San Mateo County Plumbing & HVAC
- Skyline College Automotive Technology Program
- Skyline College Cosmetology & Barbering Program
- Bay Area Manufacturing Careers
Post-Secondary Degrees

Associate Arts (AA) or Associate Science (AS)

- Offered by Community Colleges (aka “2 yr degrees”)
- May take more or less than 2 years to complete; depends on full/part time enrollment, English & Math placement, etc.
- Boosts your career resume and possibly your salary.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor’s of Science (BS)

- College degrees offered by universities and four-year colleges.
- 4 - 6 years to complete; depends on how prepared you are for the major, part-time vs. full time enrollment, etc.
Earn an AA/AS degree (e.g., accounting, administrative justice, industrial electronic technology, etc.) and/or

Take UC/CSU transferable courses in order to transfer into a major at a UC/CSU to earn a bachelor’s degree.
Universities & Four-Year Colleges

- Cal State University (23 campuses)
- University of California (9 campuses)
- Private Colleges (about **85 in CA**)
- Out-of-State Public Universities (WUE)
Scenarios

• Listen to the scenarios provided
• Think about which pathway you would recommend to that student
• Discuss options for the student with your partner/neighbor
• Choose which pathway best suits the student
Chris

Chris has struggled with balancing his courses and extracurriculars. Freshman year was a huge wake-up call. He has a 2.7 GPA and has participated in soccer during all of high school. Chris knows he needs to look for a small environment where he will receive more 1:1 support and more time to discover different pathways. Chris knows he wants to pursue a Bachelor’s degree, but is unsure in what career field. Chris’s family is concerned about finances, Chris will have to work a part-time job stay local, and live at home.

What pathway would you recommend for Chris?
Manu

Manu has always enjoyed helping others and thinks they want to work in the medical field. They have been an average student, maintaining a 2.9 GPA. They know they need some sort of education/training, however, they admit that they do not want to be in school too long after high school.

What pathway would you recommend for Manu?
Shawn knows for sure she would like to go to a medium to large college. She got a 3.6 GPA and just started to take their first honors and AP classes in her junior year. Her passion is soccer, so she would like to go to a place where they take sports seriously, but won’t overtake her life – D2 or D3. She is interested in exploring a different part of the country, if possible. Cost isn’t the highest priority, but is a factor.

What pathway would you recommend for Shawn?
Ana

Ana is pretty sure she’s headed to medical school eventually, but has three younger sisters so she knows her undergraduate education can’t break the bank. She’s also not completely sure she wants to spend four years in a biology lab. She’s interested in a college that will give her a great scholarship, will allow her to double major, give her some edge in med school admission, and might have a dance team she can join.

What pathway would you recommend for Ana?
Martha aspires to be a Computer Programmer. She has participated in Girls Who Code and has taken some computer science classes at her high school. She has an older brother who is at the College of San Mateo (CSM) and will soon be transferring to a 4-year university. Martha has been on the CSM campus herself and enjoys the small campus feel. She wants to attend a college that will offer a similar small campus feel and Computer Science scholarships to help finance her education. She is also interested in the Air Force and can’t decide whether she wants to enlist.

What pathway would you recommend for Martha?
Yenifer

Yenifer has met her A-G requirements and has a 3.3 GPA. She enjoys problem-solving and fixing things. She also enjoys working outdoors. She wants a well-paying job and wants to possibly own her personal business in the future. Her father is an electrician and she has always enjoyed helping him fix the electrical work at home and when he helps friends and family.

What pathway would you recommend for Yenifer?
Activity Debrief

SUCCESS

What people think it looks like

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What it really looks like
Are you A-G Eligible?

- Required for CSU/UC admissions
- Also shows a level of preparation that benefits you for:
  - Community college placement
  - Military assessments
  - Workplace readiness
Are you A-G Eligible?

- Link to requirements -
  - CHART here
  - EXPLAINED here
- Review YOUR transcript
Transcripts- Infinite Campus

Go to Infinite Campus website: ic.seq.org

Login:  Student ID
Password: Initials & 6 Digit Birthdate
Click on “Documents”
Click on “Unofficial Transcript”
B. Did you pass 2 years (20 credits) of English?
C: Are you taking Algebra II or higher?
D: Did you pass Biology and Chemistry/Physics?
E: Have you taken or are you taking level 2 or higher of a world language?
F: Have you taken or are you taking a Visual/Performing Arts class?
Next Steps

- YOUR next step will depend on what pathway YOU choose, such as:
  - Completing interest and career surveys/inventories
  - Informational interviews with people in different careers
  - Touring/visiting community colleges and/or universities
  - Researching military options and information
  - Podcasts, websites, virtual (and virtual reality!) tours
- Record YOUR next step in the post-assessment on the next slide.
Post-Assessment

Thank you!!