

TALK WITH YOUR STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR FUTURES!

Talking with students about their interests, strengths, skills, and goals can enable more relevant course taking and successful preparation for education and training after high school graduation.

FIVE KEY QUESTIONS TO ASK HIGH SCHOOLERS:

- 1) What are your interests inside and/or outside of school?
- 2 What is your favorite subject to learn about? Why?
- 3 What three people do you think have cool jobs? Why?
- 4 If you could spend a day with any adult at their job, what job would you want to see? What interests you about that job?
- Is there anything getting in the way of your dreams, and if so, how can I help?

Students have big dreams for their futures. With dedicated time for exploring and planning, and support from you, teachers, and their families, students can use their time in high school to explore, learn, and launch their career pathway!



NEXT STEPS:

MAKE CONNECTIONS

Use what you learn from conversations with students to connect them with relevant opportunities at your school and in your community, such as related clubs/activities/classes, volunteering, internships and job shadows, and military and/or college rep visits.

CHECK IN

Remind students to work on their High School and Beyond Plans – when they input accurate information, you can use it to help them find activities and resources that support their goals. If they have questions, let them know you are available to help.

ENCOURAGE

Share more information with students about postsecondary options and planning. Great resources are available through College Knowledge (wcan.org/college-knowledge/) and Ready Set Grad (readysetgrad.wa.gov) to engage with their classes and ask for help when needed.

RESOURCES

READY WA

readywa.org

HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND PLAN

bit.ly/ospiHSBP

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID WORKBOOK

http://bit.ly/StuWorkbook

COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE MATERIALS

wcan.org/college-knowledge/

GEAR UP

gearup.wa.gov/resources

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

sbe.wa.gov/our-work/high-school-andbeyond-plan

COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP

wsac.wa.gov/college-bound

MILITARY TRAINING

todaysmilitary.com/training

APPRENTICESHIPS

Ini.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/Apprenticeship/ Programs/default.asp

TECHNICAL COLLEGES

sbctc.edu/our-colleges/explore-colleges/default.aspx