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fascinating facts

## Preparing for Success

Regardless of the path you take after high school, the time to prepare for career success is now!

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### Graduate

It is important to stay in school and do your best. Graduating from high school increases your pay by more than \$10,000 a year and can lead to more career opportunities.

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### Talk with your school counselor

School counselors can assist with identifying your strengths and interests. They can also guide you in developing a career goal.

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### Take CTE courses

Career and technical education courses are known for their hands-on training. Review the course offerings with your school counselor or family to see if any align with your career interests.

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### Build skills

Practice and build upon your workplace readiness skills. These skills will help you to be successful in any job.

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### Gain work experience

Working during high school makes you 5 times more likely to be successful after high school. Get a part-time job to gain experience and increase your workplace readiness skills.

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### Get involved

Extracurricular activities provide new experiences to develop additional skills. Joining a club or sports team connects you with others.

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### Seek family support

Your family can help you prepare for career success. Learn from their experiences and use their connections to build your future career network.

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### Use supports in school

Teachers, school counselors, and case managers can give you advice and problem-solve challenges. They have resources to help you plan next steps while keeping you on track to graduate.

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### Connect with community supports

Talk to your teachers about the support available within your community. Various community agencies can provide support to help you be successful in work, college, and independent living.

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### Ask for help

Always remember that you are not alone. There are many people around you who can help you on your career journey. Connect with them for advice and don't be afraid to ask for help.