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### Senior Transition Checklist

Making a postsecondary decision is a big milestone in your senior year and in planning for your future. It is a time that is filled with many different emotions, from fear of the unknown to excitement about what's to come. As you consider your options, be sure to ask yourself: *Is this postsecondary program or college...*

- a **Match for my Postsecondary Pathway?** Does it have the major or lead to the credential that I'm excited about? What is the graduation rate?
- a **Match for Affordability?** Have I calculated the cost of attending this college or postsecondary program?
- a **Match for Belonging?** Is this a place where I can show up as my whole self? What supports or programs are available that are committed to helping me earn a degree or credential?

Below are some steps you can take to make a strong match with a postsecondary decision that best serves you, and start a successful transition to your future plan.

**Step 1: Schedule a time to meet with your counselor, advisor, or a caring adult at your school for help with making and finalizing your postsecondary decision. During this meeting you can [ask these questions](#) or [for help](#) with:**

- Completing your Financial Aid applications. You can learn more about the FAFSA through the [Understanding FAFSA Guide](#), available in 9 Languages and if you are undocumented, you can start an application for financial aid from New York State by completing the [Dream Act Application](#) as the first step.
- Reviewing all Financial Aid Packages you receive from colleges and postsecondary programs to make a decision that makes the most financial sense for you and your family. Check out [UAspire's College Cost Calculator](#), a free online tool that helps you compare packages, and generate a PDF with clear information about how much each college/program will cost you (available in Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese). You can bring this information to your 1:1 conference with your counselor or advisor. Be sure to check out [Know Before You Enroll](#) when reviewing offers from trade schools and for-profit colleges.
- If you plan to attend a CUNY college, learn more about enrolling in CUNY opportunity and support programs like [ASAP](#), [SEEK](#), [College Discovery](#) or [CLIP](#) which can provide you with additional academic and sometimes financial support.
- Completing applications this spring to free and low-cost Career and Employment Training programs in New York City. Check out [One Goal's Progressive Pathways Resource](#) and [One Degree](#).
- Accessing support in college as a [Student with a Disability](#) or as a [Multilingual Learner](#).

**Step 2: Be sure to get connected with [College and Career Bridge for All](#), a citywide program that will provide you with individualized help this summer with your transition after high school.**

- Scan [the QR code](#) on this flyer to sign up for text support now through September.
- [Sign up for helpful workshops](#) to support your transition to your future.

**Step 3: Share and celebrate your postsecondary decision on Social Media! Whether your next step is college, work, a discovery year, the military or something else - you've worked so hard and we want to celebrate with you!**



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- Go on your social media page and tag your school AND tag

@NYCSchools on [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#)

- Tell us about your activities and share pictures by using the primary hashtags #IDecided #FutureReadyNYC. Families might also want to consider this national hashtag #HereforStudents