Transition to Postsecondary Education
Student with Disability Guide & Career Development Checklist

Postsecondary Education = Any schooling that takes place after graduation from high school.

ACTIVITY — 12th Grade

COMPLETE THE PRECEDING YEAR ALONG WITH THESE ACTIVITIES:

- Review and update your OkCareerGuide.org account.
- Update your Ed Plan and your list of activities and honors in OkCareerGuide.org.
- Enroll in concurrent enrollment classes and/or technology center programs.
- Review high school graduation requirements and college entrance requirements with your counselor and make sure you are on track to graduate.
- If eligible, complete Oklahoma’s Promise paperwork, including final transcript and send to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (spring).
- Complete FAFSA application for need-based financial aid (www.fafsa.gov) by deadline (fall).
- Participate in job shadowing and community service/service learning projects.
- Submit scholarship and financial aid applications.
- Submit college or technology center applications.
- Explore and submit scholarships at your local technology center.
- Re-take the ACT or SAT, if needed.
- Participate in mock interviews.
- Finalize 1, 2, 4 or More plans with your counselor and family.
- Develop a budget for life after high school.
- Review and update resume.

ACTIVITY — 13th Grade

- Confirm the receipt of your final transcript/test scores by selected college or technology center (summer).
- Write thank-you letters to organizations for scholarships received (summer).
- Contact college or technology center to determine the total costs and due dates for your fees, tuition and room/board (summer).
- Plan for transportation and housing (summer).
- WHILE AT POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION:
  - Go to all orientations.
  - Find a place to study.
  - Get organized.
  - Discuss your ICAP with your adviser.
  - Don’t skip classes.
  - Get involved on campus and with campus organizations (both college and technology centers).
  - Find the career services office and let them assist you.
  - Update your resume.
  - Continue to update your OkCareerGuide.org account.
  - Find the disability services office.
  - If disclosing disability, talk to each of your instructors about needed accommodations.
  - If you plan to disclose your disability, take information about your disability to school and visit the disabilities services specialist.

No IEPs In Postsecondary Education … What Does That Mean To You?

Laws change—laws that may have applied to you as a student with a disability in K-12 education will no longer apply to you at the postsecondary level.

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<th>High School</th>
<th>Postsecondary Institution</th>
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<td>Student does not have to self-disclose to receive accommodations.</td>
<td>Student must self-disclose his/her disability to receive accommodations.</td>
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<td>Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan.</td>
<td>504 Plan/Accommodation Plan (There are no IEPs in postsecondary education).</td>
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<td>Special education classes available.</td>
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<td>Modifications and accommodations are permitted for the student to find academic success.</td>
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<td>Student records are accessible to the student and his/her parents.</td>
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<td>School is required to provide a free appropriate public education.</td>
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*Chart compares services at high school to services at the postsecondary level

**What is the difference between accommodations and modifications?**

**Accommodations** — They do not alter what you are expected to learn. An accommodation makes learning accessible to you and allows you to demonstrate what you know. Examples: Extended time on tests, tests in separate location, preferential seating, adaptive furniture, large-print texts.

**Modifications** — They alter what you are expected to learn. Examples: Limited choices on tests, simplifying words on assignments and tests.
What Are Your Postsecondary Options?

Technology Centers — Technology centers prepare you for a specific profession. They combine the academic curriculum with real-life hands-on applications. Technology centers are usually smaller than colleges and cheaper. Certificates and/or licenses can be earned.

Two-Year Community/Junior Colleges — They offer a variety of two-year degree programs. Community/Junior colleges are usually smaller and less expensive than four-year colleges/universities. Certificates, licenses and associate degrees can be earned.

Four-Year Colleges/Universities — They offer a multitude of degree programs. Class sizes are usually large. Bachelors, masters and professional degrees can be earned depending on the institution.

Here are the activities you need to complete each year to ensure that you are prepared for further education and a career.

STUDENT CAREER DEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST

Including activities for students with disabilities.

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ACTIVITY — 9th Grade

COMPLETE THE PRECEDING YEAR ALONG WITH THESE ACTIVITIES:

- Review and update your OkCareerGuide.org account.
- Take or re-take the career assessments on OkCareerGuide.org.
- Explore careers and colleges via OkCareerGuide.org, Okcollegestart.org and/or other online career sites.
- Use all the information gathered to develop or update your Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP).
- Explore occupations in the top 5 pathways from your OkCareerGuide.org interests assessment.
- Review sample plans of study on OkCareerGuide.org.
- Explore CareerTech Education (CTE) courses at your high school and CTE programs at your local technology center.
- If eligible, apply for the Ok Promise scholarship (8th – 10th grade).
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT and review results with your counselor and family (fall).
- Review high school graduation requirements and college entrance requirements with counselor and make sure you are on track to graduate.
- If eligible, apply for the Ok Promise scholarship (8th – 10th grade).
- Get involved in student organizations, clubs and/or athletics.
- Investigate 1, 2, 4 or More options with your counselor and family.
- Participate in career days, career fairs and/or job shadowing opportunities.
- Research job skills on OkCareerGuide.org.
- Discuss plan with special education teacher, counselor and family.
- Learn about your disability and how to explain it to others.
- Know your strengths and challenges and work to improve weak areas.
- Participate in your initial transition plan during your IEP meeting.

ACTIVITY — 10th Grade

COMPLETE THE PRECEDING YEAR ALONG WITH THESE ACTIVITIES:

- Review and update your OkCareerGuide.org account.
- Retake the career assessments on OkCareerGuide.org, if needed.
- Explore careers and colleges via OkCareerGuide.org, Okcollegestart.org and/or other online career sites.
- Use all the information gathered to develop or update your Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP).
- Explore careers by taking CareerTech education (CTE) courses at your high school.
- Explore careers by taking CTE programs at your local technology center and, if appropriate, apply to attend the tech center.
- If eligible, apply for the Ok Promise scholarship (8th – 10th grade) (last opportunity).
- Take the Pre-ACT and review results with your counselor and family (fall).
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT and review results with your counselor and family (fall).
- Review high school graduation requirements and college entrance requirements with counselor and make sure you are on track to graduate.
- Get involved in student organizations, clubs and/or athletics.
- Review and research 1, 2, 4 or More options with your counselor and family.
- Look at the composite report for the career interest and skills confidence assessments (determine knowledge/skills areas that need improvement where interests are high and skills are lower). Go to www.OkCareerGuide.org, then scroll to the bottom of the home page.
- Participate in job shadowing and community service/service learning projects.
- Research job skills on OkCareerGuide.org.
- Start researching scholarship/financial aid opportunities, including those found on OkCareerGuide.org.
- Review and update your Ed Plan in OkCareerGuide.org.
- Update your list of activities and honors in OkCareerGuide.org.
- Develop a list of activities and honors and store it in OkCareerGuide.org.
- Research job skills on OkCareerGuide.org.
- Discuss plan with special education teacher, counselor and family.
- Learn about your disability and how to explain it to others.
- Know your strengths and challenges and work to improve weak areas.
- By age 16, ask your special education teacher if you have been referred to a vocational rehabilitation counselor.
- Start the research process.
- Discuss your Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) with your IEP team.
- Be involved in reviewing and updating your transition plan.
- Know your strengths and challenges and work to improve weak areas.
- By age 16, ask your special education teacher if you have been referred to a vocational rehabilitation counselor.

ACTIVITY — 11th Grade

COMPLETE THE PRECEDING YEAR ALONG WITH THESE ACTIVITIES:

- Review and update your OkCareerGuide.org account.
- Retake the career assessments on OkCareerGuide.org, if you want to.
- Enroll in technology center programs and/or concurrent enrollment classes.
- Update Ed Plan and your list of activities and honors in OkCareerGuide.org.
- Take ACT and/or SAT and/or PSAT and/or ASVAB assessments.
- Explore careers by taking CareerTech education (CTE) courses at your high school.
- Research and select favorite postsecondary schools on OkCareerGuide.org.
- Participate in job shadowing and community service/service learning projects.
- Narrow your list of postsecondary schools based on your previous research to three or four.
- Create a resume.
- Start application process for U.S. service academies, if appropriate.
- Review high school graduation requirements and college entrance requirements with counselor and make sure you are on track to graduate.
- Get involved in student organizations, clubs and/or athletics.
- Review and research 1, 2, 4 or More options with your counselor and family.
- Research job skills on OkCareerGuide.org.
- Start researching scholarship/financial aid opportunities, including those found on OkCareerGuide.org.
- Review your list of activities and honors in OkCareerGuide.org.
- Visit college campuses and/or technology center campuses.
- Update your Ed Plan in OkCareerGuide.org.
- Make sure you and your parent(s) have completed income tax forms to determine eligibility for financial aid (if you are a senior year).
- Explore financial information on OkCareerGuide.org.
- Know your strengths and challenges and work to improve weak areas.
- Be involved in reviewing and updating your transition plan.
- On or before your 17th birthday, ask your special education teacher about transfer of educational rights at age 18.