

Junior/Senior Checklist: Postsecondary Education

Name: _____ (check box when item is completed)

- 1. You have visited/toured at least one college/vocational school campus.
 - This included meeting with an instructor in your area of interest.
- 2. You have met with the Disability Director at the college & discussed the accommodations you are currently receiving in high school & what options will be available at college
 - **NOTE:** this varies greatly from college to college, and within programs at each college, so be sure to research this carefully.
 - This is important before you make your final selection!
- 3. You have taken your college entrance test: **ACT** or **Accuplacer/ALEKS**
- 4. Does your program of study have a minimum ACT or Accuplacer/ALEKS score requirement? If so, did you meet that?
- 5. Discuss options if you will need to take a basic/tutorial class at college based on your Accuplacer scores. Should you consider retaking the test?
- 6. If you have a physical disability (hearing, vision, etc) what specific accommodation method does the college use for your success at the postsecondary level? (This is often different from high school.)
- 7. You've already applied to at least one college - - preferably two (seniors).
- 8. You have received a letter saying you have been officially accepted.
- 9. You have asked your college about specific scholarships you may be eligible to apply for and the steps to do so.
- 10. You have checked and applied for local scholarships available in your area.
- 11. You & your family have completed the FAFSA form (after October) of your senior year. (Taxes from the prior year may be used to submit this.)
 - Parents & student will need to apply for separate pin numbers.
- 12. You know where the Tutoring Center/Success Center is on your campus. If not, be sure to find it when you go for Orientation!

- 13. If living in the dorms, you have sent in your dorm application & fee.
 - If you need a handicap accessible room, find out how soon you need to apply.
 - There are limited numbers of these at each campus, and they are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

- 14. If living in apartments, you have talked to several landlords and secured an apartment for fall - - and possible roommates to share cost?
 - Remember to check: Are utilities included? Appliances included? Internet? Cable? Deposit required? (These costs vary greatly!)

- 15. You have asked your guidance counselor or school secretary to send your final transcript to your college after you graduate.

- 16 You have a copy of your SAR (Support for Accommodations) so you can set up a meeting with the Special Needs/Disability Director at your college.
 - This person has to document what accommodations (like extra test time, testing in quiet rooms) you are eligible for at college
 - You will not get these accommodations without meeting with this person first!

- 17. Know the date that you need to go for Orientation/Registration.

- 18. If living in a dorm, contact your roommate(s) the summer before to find out who is bringing big items (TV, mini frig, microwave, stereo, etc).

- 19. If you need employment, you have explored options that do not conflict with your scheduled classes. (Check on Work Study on campus)

- 20. Contact information for your school district's Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS) Counselor
 - Voc Rehab counselor's name: _____
 - Voc Rehab Office Phone number: _____

- 21. You are constantly working on improving:
 - **Your Self-Advocacy Skills** - - which is your ability to speak up for yourself, ask appropriate questions, and seek help when needed.
 - **Your Organization Skills** - - College level work requires you to manage multiple courses. Many classes post a syllabus with all assignment due dates listed, and late assignments are not accepted.
 - **Your Time Management Skills** - - You understand that your choices determine your success. Study first - - socialize later! You pay for your classes - - whether you pass them or not.