

What's Next? Options After High School

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Early Graduation

- High School graduation is not an end, but a beginning of independent living

Community College Dual Enrollment

- Rated “R” environment. If public university is not an option, this is usually a poor fit
- Successful strategies: “RateMyProfessor.com” buddy system, read ahead textbooks
- Drawbacks: permanent grades, failure is an option, lower academic level, moves quickly
- Benefits: outside documentation, save money on college.

Community College and Technical College as Adult

- Classes open to all abilities and backgrounds, relatively inexpensive
- Adults face challenging environments differently than children

Distance Learning

- Credit by examination with college level tests
- “Accelerated Distance Learning” and “Bear’s Guide to Earning Degrees by Distance Learning”
- CollegePlus with a mentor, or homeschool college independently with CLEP.
- Coffee Break Book: How to Homeschool College. BudURL.com/HowToHSCollege

Public or Private University

- Applying to a university is a process, not a moment.
- “The HomeScholar Guide to College Admission and Scholarships” BudURL.com/CASbook
- College preparation: choosing rigorous classes according to ability, PSAT, SAT or ACT
- Junior year: attend college fair, go on college visits, choose colleges where you will apply
- Senior year: in September, begin college application forms, essays, submit homeschool records

Gap Year

- Increasingly common, but college policies vary widely
- Use the year for something significant: community service, mission work, full time work experience

Work and Career

- Plan education including life skills, work skills, job skills
- Always be prepared for college, but the ultimate goal is self-supporting independent adults

Couch Potato

- Failure to launch. Avoid enabling their dependency
- Adulthood means freedom AND responsibility. Success is independence

Paperwork Required

- Transcript: TotalTranscriptSolution.com
- Diploma: HomeschoolDiploma.com
- Course descriptions: ComprehensiveRecordSolution.com

Resources

Free Online Class on High School Grades, Credits and Transcripts: BudURL.com/TranscriptClass
Book: [Setting the Records Straight: How to Craft Homeschool Transcripts and Course Descriptions](#)
Kindle Book: Options After High School. BudURL.com/OptionsAfterHS
The Total Transcript Solution: www.TotalTranscriptSolution.com