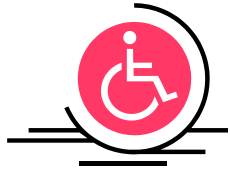


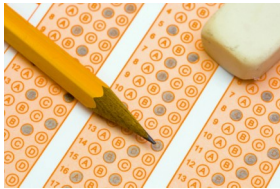
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YOU MAY WANT TO INCLUDE....



→ Information on SAT's and accommodations



→ SAT scores

→ Accuplacer Tests



→ Copies of applications sent to schools

→ Information on post-secondary schools/programs



→ Copies of correspondence with schools

→ How to go on a college visit

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If I Had Known by Nicole LeBlanc

The decisions you make in high school will affect what you can do after high school. During my high school years I attended the Vocational Incentive Program (VIP) at my local tech center where I was able to get all the credits I needed to graduate. I also learned basic life skills and participated in career exploration. However, the VIP program did not prepare me for higher education and the Accuplacer test which is required by community colleges in order to take their college level courses.

One of my teachers didn't want my wonderful spirit damaged by setting expectations beyond my ability. My high school didn't have modified mainstream classes. So I ended up choosing VIP instead of a regular high school program. I didn't take college prep classes. When I took the Accuplacer for Community College of Vermont, I failed 3 times.

I took 4 years of classes in a vocational program and I still didn't have the skills to get a job

when I graduated. As I look back, I wish I had stayed in a regular high school program and taken college prep classes instead of getting my high school credits through an easy vocational program.

Advice for students thinking about College:

1. Think about college before you get into high school
2. Visit Colleges- find out about programs for students with disabilities.
3. Take college prep classes. (Go slower, 6 years rather than 4)
4. Be willing to work hard

Don't take the easy way out because it is not always the best option. Staying in high school for an additional 2 years may actually be a smarter move than completing high school in 4 years.

"The choices you make in High School ultimately determine your destiny" rephrased from Rosa Parks.

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**It's Your
Choice!**

When you are 15 or 16 it is hard to think about what you want in the future. Let me tell you right now, what you do in school in the 9th and 10th grades can impact what happens after high school.

- ➔ Did you know that some people with developmental disabilities go to college?
- ➔ Did you know there are schools that teach job skills?
- ➔ Did you know you can take classes and not be working towards a degree?

Learning about yourself and what you want in the future is very exciting.

➔ **Do you want to learn more about education after high school?**

Most college programs require you to take specific classes in high school. Now is the time to look at some programs and see what you need to do in high school. This takes planning and your team needs to know your thoughts.

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What do you think?

Why are you thinking about college?

- Everyone else is doing it.
- Sounds like fun.
- My parents want me to.
- All my brothers and sisters went.

What do you hope to get out of college?

- A good job.
- Fun.
- Learn new things.
- Grow up.

If Education after high school is what
you want....

You and your team should
decide how to start.

Who will you talk to?
