

Post High School Planning - Senior Year

As your student nears the end of his or her high school experience, Learning Prep staff is ready to assist your family in navigating the next steps in post high school planning. Depending on your student's needs, interests, and your community's involvement, Learning Prep staff will provide varying degrees of support. Like all aspects of educational and career planning, some of the responsibilities will fall on Learning Prep staff and others will fall on your family or community. In order to reduce confusion and better prepare families for the transition process, the following common themes have been outlined based on participant involvement:

LPS's Role:

- Provide information to students and families regarding post high school options through Career Education classes, open house nights, IEP Team Meetings, email, phone conversations, and in person meetings with your student's transition counselor
- College/Transition Program
 - Assist with personal essays during ELA classes
 - Assist with the college application process if needed
 - Some schools have their own applications, while others use the [Common Application](#), which allows you to fill out forms once and send them to a number of schools.
 - Follow up on requests for recommendation letters from teachers
 - Issue official transcripts
 - Register students for accommodations for SAT or ACT exams, if needed
 - Most colleges and program are not requiring these tests or waive them for students on an IEP
 - Provide fee waivers
- Work Placement
 - Assist with career exploration if needed
 - Assist with job application process, if needed
 - Assist with work placement accommodation requests, as needed

Family's Role:

- Connect with outside agencies for assistance such as Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC).
 - [Transition Resources](#)
- College/Transition Program
 - Review [Senior Year College Application Timeline](#)
 - Visit a variety of post high school programs
 - [Post High School Program Definitions](#)
 - [Examples of Post High School Programs for LD Students](#)

- Fill out college applications (including application essays and teacher recommendation requests) with LPS assistance if needed
 - You will need to decide whether to apply Early Decision or Regular Decision.
 - Some schools have their own applications, while others use the [Common Application](#), which allows you to fill out forms once and send them to a number of schools.
- Register student for SAT or ACT exam, if needed
 - Most colleges and program are not requiring these tests or waive them for students on an IEP
- Complete written request for all applicable forms, transcripts, recommendations from the school through your student's transition counselor
 - Please use the [Records release form](#) to request transcripts, IEPs or testing to be sent to schools
- Pay all fees
- After you submit your applications, you should prepare the [FAFSA](#) form to see if you are eligible for financial aid
- Work Placement
 - Explore career areas of interest
 - Consider transportation and living options
 - Request letters of recommendations/reference contacts, with assistance as needed
 - Apply for available jobs, with assistance as needed
 - Request work placement accommodations, as needed