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You Are Your Own Best Advocate!

- This is your life – so take charge!
- Talk about your plans with your parents/guardian.
 - Do these plans make sense?
 - What financial support, if any, will they be able to give you?
- Meet with your school counselor before summer vacation.
 - What colleges does your counselor recommend?
 - Discuss expectations and process of applying.

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How Will You Pay For It?

- Sticker costs vs. your cost
 - In state vs. out of state tuition
 - Public vs. private
- How financial aid works
- Financial aid comes from many places!
 - FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - Net Price Calculators
- Scholarships

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Your Transcript Matters!

- Grades (9-12) and your GPA
- Course Type and Level
- School Profile
- Consider a college prep curriculum
- Class rank (if applicable)