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## Conversation Starters

### What You Should Know About Career and Technical Education Options – 11th Grade

You know your student the best, so the following talking points are simply a guideline to use in starting a conversation with your 11th grader about deciding how much education and training is required for the desired career.

- ▶ It is time to focus on what you will do as your next step after high school. This does not mean deciding what you will do for the rest of your life; you are only moving toward your first step.
- ▶ Attending a four-year college may not be the right choice for you like it may be for some of your classmates. The key is to identify the path that best helps you be successful and land a good job.
- ▶ Alternatives to a four-year college include certificate programs, apprenticeships and the military — options that may help you pay for more college later on.
- ▶ Let's work together by discussing all of the options so we can figure out your next step after graduation.



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