

## After Graduation

**Roads to Success is a new program designed to help middle and high school students prepare for their futures. This newsletter will keep you posted on what we're doing in school, and how families can follow through at home.**

For more info, visit [www.roadstosuccess.org](http://www.roadstosuccess.org).

### Did you know?

**More and more high school graduates are heading for college — more than two out of three in 2011.**

**But many students who start college have trouble finishing. That's why it's important to match your school to your skills, and know what to expect — both academically and financially — before you begin.**

Tech school. Trade school. Two-year college. Four-year college. Or more.

There are lots of options to consider. And the possibilities (and costs) can sometimes seem overwhelming.

At Roads to Success, we believe that education and training are the keys to a bright future. But how can you get your teen to think about what happens after graduation at an age when she's focused on the here-and-now?

Here are some questions for your student to think about as he heads into high school:

**What careers match your interests and skills, likes and dislikes?** A student's career choices should reflect the person they are as well as the person they want to become.



**What kind of training will you need?** Nearly all careers require some kind of training after high school. Students should

make sure their high school courses are a good match for wherever they're headed afterward.

**What do you need to do to prepare yourself now?** Grades count. You need a solid academic background — not just to get into college and tech schools, but to succeed there.

**Do you need to change what you're doing? How?** Sometimes students don't recognize that they're missing the good grades and courses they need to succeed until it's too late. Plan now to avoid panic later.

## Grade by Grade: What's After High School?

There is life after high school, and it's just four short years away. In the eighth grade, Roads to Success presents a series of lessons to help students consider the possibilities:

- The need for math and reading skills wherever you go.

- Good jobs with and without a four-year degree.
- Things to think about when choosing a major, including how it matches up with your interests.
- How to create a list of possible majors and

find out about your choices.

- You can investigate programs and majors by signing into [RURReadyND.com](http://RURReadyND.com).