

What are your student's plans after high school?

Many of our students need help figuring out what job they would like to have at the end of their studies. The ACT recommends the following three steps for your child to help him or her think about possible careers. For more information visit <http://www.actstudent.org>.

1. Take a realistic look at your strengths, weaknesses, and interests.

- What can help you achieve your goals, and what could get in your way?
- What types of work and school courses and activities do you like?
- What do you do well now, and what skills have you gained?
- What values do you have regarding work?



2. Explore your options. It's hard to know what you want to do "when you grow up" if you aren't even aware of the possibilities. Here are some ways to find career information:

- If you are in school, see your counselor and talk to your parents.
- Spend time with people whose activities interest you.
- Volunteer or work in a job that interests you.
- Discuss your career and educational plans with your parents, counselor, or other interested people.



3. Consider issues that can affect your plans.

- What do you need to study?
- What schools offer the training you need?
- How will you pay for school?
- Are you ready to search for a job?
- How will you manage family or relationship commitments?

The School Report Card looks at the goals of students at your child’s school (middle and high schools only). It is important to discuss goals after graduation with your child, and the School Report Card can give you a way to start the conversation.

Look at the plans that students have at your school on the Learning Environment page (page 3) of the School Report Card.

What is the highest level of education students PLAN to complete?					
Students responding: 1,501					
High school	6%	2-year college	9%	Graduate school	32%
Vocational school	1%	4-year college	41%	Unsure of plans	10%

For more information, contact the School Report Card at (213) 241-5600 or reportcard@lausd.net.