# What's Next? Options After High School

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## **Early Graduation**

• High School graduation is not an end, but the beginning of independent living

## **Community College Dual Enrollment**

- Rated "R" environment. If public university is not an option, this is usually a poor fit
- Successful strategies: RateMyProfessor.com, buddy system, read ahead textbooks
- Drawbacks: permanent grades, failure is an option, lower academic level, moves quickly
- Benefits: outside documentation, save money on college.

### **Community College and Technical College as Adult**

- Classes open to all abilities and backgrounds, relatively inexpensive
- Adults face challenging environments differently than children

### **Distance Learning**

- Credit by examination with college level tests
- Books: Accelerated Distance Learning and Bear's Guide to Earning Degrees by Distance Learning
- Lumerit Unbound with a mentor, or homeschool college independently with CLEP.
- Coffee Break Book: How to Homeschool College

## **Public or Private University**

- Applying to a university is a process, not a moment.
- The HomeScholar Guide to College Admission and Scholarships
- College preparation: choosing rigorous classes according to ability, PSAT, SAT or ACT
- Junior year: attend college fair, go on college visits, choose colleges where you will apply
- Senior year: in September, begin college application forms, essays, submit homeschool records

### Gap Year

- Increasingly common, but college policies vary widely
- Use the year for something significant: community service, mission work, full time work experience

### **Work and Career**

- Plan education including life skills, work skills, job skills
- Always be prepared for college, but the ultimate goal is self-supporting independent adults

#### **Couch Potato**

- Failure to launch. Avoid enabling their dependency.
- Adulthood means freedom and responsibility. Success is independence.

## **Paperwork Required**

- Transcript: TotalTranscriptSolution.com
- Diploma: HomeschoolDiploma.com
- Course descriptions: ComprehensiveRecordSolution.com

#### Resources

Free Online Class on High School Grades, Credits and Transcripts

Book: Setting the Records Straight: How to Craft Homeschool Transcripts and Course Descriptions

Kindle Book: Options After High School

The Total Transcript Solution: www.TotalTranscriptSolution.com