

Judah Christian School Guidance & Counseling Webpage



Introduction Contents:

Some of Mrs. Lucas' favorite [sites](#) and

<https://www.nacacnet.org/globalassets/documents/publications/guideforfamilies.pdf>

Preparation for college begins years before high school graduation. While there are many theories about the college selection process, Hossler & Gallagher (1997) offer a three-phase model of college choice:

- Predisposition (Deciding to go to college-Families have a huge impact on this decision!)
- Search (A lot of information is available on the web. Some links are included on the [College Search page.](#))
- Choice (Narrowing down all options and applying. Some apply to more than one college/university)

From a secondary guidance counselor perspective, going to college after high school graduation is a great decision. On average, college graduates earn more than high school graduates. (See [here](#)). There are several types of colleges from which to choose. Some students decide to take time off before going to college as a way to participate in missions work, travel, employment, or have another focus. Many colleges and universities offer distance learning options. For information about gap years, Time Magazine (<http://time.com/97065/gap-year-college/>), CNBC (<https://www.cnbc.com/2017/05/19/making-the-most-of-a-gap-year-before-college.html>), and Princeton Review (<https://www.princetonreview.com/study-abroad/college-abroad/gap-year>) have published some online articles. Many more are also available online.

Trades unions often have agreements with community colleges so the student can earn college credit while learning a trade. Some in our area are listed here

(https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=trade+unions+near+me&spf=1501532581539)

The military has great educational benefits available

(http://www.militaryonesource.mil/voluntary-education?content_id=268274)

Employers may also offer tuition assistance and scholarships

(<http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/employertuitionassistance.phtml>). Starbucks offers a plan (<https://www.starbucks.com/careers/college-plan>), so check on educational benefits if you do not start college right after high school.

Hossler, D., & Gallagher, K. S. (1987). Studying student college choice: A three-phase model and the implications for policymakers. *College and University*, 62(3), 207-221.

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