

TRANSITION to COLLEGE RESOURCES

This document shares links to about a dozen great resources related to transition to postsecondary education for students with intellectual disability.

Preparing for College	
Resource Title	Description
IEP Goal Ideas to Support College Readiness	This resource includes over 100 ideas for possible IEP goals to help prepare students for college. The ideas fall into four categories: education, career and employment, community engagement and services, and independence. Educators and families are encouraged to use this resource once students have identified personal strengths and interests, goals, and areas for improvement.
Understanding the Differences between HS and College	This guide was created to help teachers, families, and students prepare for college.
Tips for IEP Teams to Help Students and Families Prepare for Inclusive Postsecondary Education	This brief is for families preparing for their child with disabilities to go to college. The helpful checklist and related resources will guide the selection of transition goals and activities that will likely be key factors in making the possibility of college a reality.
College Planning Timeline	This college planning timeline was created to help teachers, families, and students prepare for college. It includes tasks that should be considered throughout high school, as well as for specific grade levels.
Getting Accommodations in College	This guide was developed to help teachers, families, and students prepare for college. Common college accommodations are explained as well as the steps to getting them.
Finding the Right College/University	
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Think College Search	An online searchable directory of postsecondary education programs for students with ID.

Conducting a College Search: Questions to Ask College Programs	This guide offers considerations for starting the college search, helpful tips, and key questions to ask on topics such as academics, employment and student supports, housing, financial aid, and the overall campus experience, with room to add questions of your own.
Blog: College Search 101	This blog post shares general information about postsecondary programs for students with ID and shares some helpful tips for starting on the college search journey.
Voices of Experience: Students Share College Search Advice	This publication features helpful advice for students who are ready to begin the college search. Four former college students share honest stories and things to think about when considering college, such as the location and size of the college, making good choices, social opportunities & peer mentors, being included, and more.
Paying for College	
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Paying for College	This brief reviews some information about a variety of possible funding sources that students and their families can consider as they determine what will work for their specific situations.
Federal Financial Aid for Students with Intellectual Disability	This brief discusses how students with intellectual disability can utilize federal financial aid to help pay for college.
Scholarships for Students with ID	This resource was created to help families and others locate scholarship money to help pay for college. There are scholarships listed that any student is eligible for, and many that are for students with specific disabilities.
Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE): Savings Accounts for People with Disabilities	This publication describes the ABLE Act passed in 2014, and explains that through the passage of this Act, people with disabilities have the opportunity to open tax-advantaged savings accounts.
Use of Medicaid Funds to Support Students with ID in College	This brief explains what Medicaid waivers are, what postsecondary education services they can be used for, and how to access waiver services.

For additional transition related resources, visit the [Resource library at ThinkCollege.net](#) and select **Transition** from the topics list.