



Why Go To College?

- To develop a love of learning
- To develop critical life and soft skills for community living and employment
- To develop organizational and time management skills
- To develop an opportunity to navigate a new environment
- To meet new people and develop new relationships
- To take risks in a safe environment
- To practice Self- Advocacy and Self-Determinations skills
- To make choices
- To be autonomous: To be the driver not the passenger



How Can Students and Families Prepare for College?

- Plan Early (This starts at 14 when you and your child begin developing the statement of needed transition services)
- Have high expectations
- Help your child and school personnel see college as an option
- Visit colleges and look at college catalogs with your child
- Understand your child's disability

- Create and foster opportunities for your student to develop Self-advocacy and self- determination skills
- As parents, prepare to change your role from one of primary advocate to one of support and guidance.