

# SENIOR EDP UNIT

No idea what you want to do after graduation?

- CareerCruising.com
- TodaysMilitary.com
- AllTradeSchools.com
- mtech.org (grcc.edu)
- dol.gov (apprenticeships)
- Manufacturing Engineering Partnership Program (MEPP) (See Mrs. Arteaga)
- Jobcorp.gov
- Michigan Postsecondary Handbook (on the michigan.gov website—interactive resource)
- Occupational Outlook Handbook (<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>)

Things to consider when choosing a college:

- Size
- Cost (don't rule out private colleges)
- Location (distance from home, urban vs. rural)
- Programs/majors
- Clubs/organizations
- Student to teacher ratio
- Student population/diversity
- Support services (tutoring, counseling, career resources)
- Job placement rates within field of study
- Right "fit" (don't just follow your friends)
- Feedback from others who've been there

College visits: (Check out their websites first!)

- Make an appointment:
- Contact the Admissions Office.
  - Ask to go on a tour.
  - Ask to meet with someone in financial aid.
  - Ask to meet with someone in your area of interest.
  - Ask permission to sit in on a class.
  - Spend the night?
- Take your questions with you!
- Hang out in the dining hall.
- Hang out in high traffic areas.
- Talk to other students on campus.
- Search Google for questions to ask on a college visit or see handout on our website.

Need to retake the ACT? Go to [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org) to register.

- To increase chances of getting into certain colleges
- To increase chances of getting a specific scholarship (Check individual scholarship requirements on college websites.)

## **Sending transcripts:**

- Go to the **HIGH SCHOOL** webpage. Under “**Bronco Highlights**”, click on the link to “**Michigan e-Transcript**”. If you don’t see the link, click on “**View All**” or wait for it to scroll back through. Set up an account and send transcripts.
- It’s OK to send the transcript before the application is received by the college.
- **Towards the end of your senior year, you must go back on this website to request your FINAL TRANSCRIPT by selecting “next grading period”. You must send your final transcript to the college you will definitely be attending in the fall. This can be done any time after February 1st.**

How to pay for college:

- Meet with someone in the Financial Aid office at any college
- **COMPLETE the FAFSA between Jan. 1 and Mar. 1!**
  - **Go to [pin.ed.gov](http://pin.ed.gov) to request your electronic signature**
  - **Go to [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) to complete the online application**
- Search for scholarships!
  - Watch the bulletin.
  - Check out our website ([coopersvillebroncos.org](http://coopersvillebroncos.org)).
  - Check with colleges (search their websites).
  - Check with local businesses, clubs, and organizations.
  - Check with your parents' employers.
  - Check the library for resources.
  - [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)
  - [scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com)
  - [careercruising.com](http://careercruising.com) → EDP homepage → "Suggested Links"
  - Attend Interactive Scholarship Search Meeting during P/T conferences in November.

## **Local Scholarships (for CHS students only)**

**WATCH FOR THESE!** Your chances of getting one or more of these are very good!

- Coopersville Area Community Foundation—Several available
- Burger King (\$1000)
- Stone Plastics (\$1000)
- Chase Industrial Technology (\$1000)
- Circle of Friends—75 hrs. community service (minimum \$300)
- Coopersville PTA Scholarship—100 volunteer hrs. (\$500)
- The Coopersville Scholarship to GVSU (\$1000)
- The Jim & Katherine Brown Scholarship to MSU (\$3000)
- Michigan Blood Scholarship
- Privacky Scholarship

Transferring from one college to another: Make sure the classes you take will transfer!

- See curriculum guides, transfer credit policies, or course equivalency lists on college websites. Colleges have various names for this, so look for something similar.
- Michigan transfer agreement ([MichiganTransferNetwork.org](http://MichiganTransferNetwork.org))