



## Conversation Starters

1. Time line for after high school - in five, 10, 15, 20, 25 years.
2. Realistic and attainable goals.
3. Examination of personalities and style of functioning.
4. Personal interests - yours and theirs.
5. Financial independence - personal credit cards, budgeting, ATMs and setting up a bank account.
6. Balance time - time management.
7. Get organized - does the youth have a calendar and organizer?
8. People you admire - your heroes.
9. Communication skills.
10. Workplace-readiness skills.
11. Employability indicators - attendance, punctuality, appearance, initiative, maturity, courtesy, attitude, quantity of work, quality of work, flexibility and cooperation.
12. Job opportunities - job shadowing, internships, apprenticeships.
13. Career interest inventory.
14. Job exploration.
15. Mock applications for work and post-secondary education.
16. Applications for financial aid, scholarships and awards.
17. Create a resume.
18. Practice interviewing skills.
19. Exercise and eating right.
20. Personal mission statement.
21. Driver's license.



22. Well-rounded youth – involvement in school clubs, community activities.
23. Review report cards.
24. Appreciate cultural differences.
25. Manners – the code of etiquette (including cell phone and pager).
26. Visit a local college.
27. Design a business card.
28. Advice regarding risky business (alcohol, drugs, sex, cigarette smoking, gang activity, peer pressure).
29. Getting ready for the prom.
30. Summer plans.