

School systems may request funds from this approved list of **student planning partners** to support IGP updates for high school students or college and career transitions for graduated seniors. This guide summarizes the services each student planning partner can provide. Providers range in cost from free \$, low overall cost or per student rate and/or limited services \$\$, or higher investment in cost per school structure and/or range of services \$\$\$.

Individual graduation planning starts in the eighth grade and continues throughout every student’s high school career. Individual graduation plans should be updated annually and signed by the student, a parent or guardian, and the school counselor.

Postsecondary Planning includes supporting students as they apply for college and explore funding opportunities (scholarships and grants).

Career Supports for Students Transitioning to the Workforce lists partners who can further support students in exploring options once they graduate and move into the workforce.

Opportunity Now

Services Include: Work-readiness and soft skills training, career exploration, self-advocacy, post-secondary educational opportunities, work-based learning experiences, case management, mentoring, job coaching, career development and job placement

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Description: Opportunity Now provides students with the necessary foundational skills and exposure to help them to transition from high school to post-secondary educational opportunities or directly into employment. They combine interactive training with work-based learning experiences to position our students for successful post-secondary education and/or workforce entry.

Cost: \$\$-\$\$\$