

# POST GRADUATION ACTION PLANS



**Time Required:** 30-45 minutes

**Content Standards:** AA.S.5 Students will employ strategies to achieve future career goals and know where and how to obtain information about the world of work and post secondary training/education.

**Indicators (Students will...):** AA.C.12.5.07 Students will evaluate steps taken toward post secondary planning and update action plan. AA.C.12.5.08 Students will demonstrate preparedness for postsecondary success.

**GOAL: Students will complete a post-secondary action plan to assure they are prepared for post secondary success in their career choice.**

**Activity Statement:** Students will review checklists needed for attaining after graduation training/education programs by planning ahead, understanding deadlines, and knowing what is required from them.

## **Materials:**

1. Pen/pencil
2. Handout 1-*Promise Scholarship*
3. Handout 2-*WV Education Grant Programs*
4. Handout 3-*High Educational Action Plan*
5. Handout 4 *Technical/Trade Schools Action Plan*
6. Handout 5 *Military Checklist*
7. Handout 6 *World of Work*
8. Handout 7 *Apprenticeship Programs*

## **Procedures and Discussion:**

“Today we are going to view detailed steps that will lead to success after graduation. It is important to start planning and preparing now for post secondary training and education.”

1. Distribute appropriate handouts that match each individual students
2. Have students work in groups of two pairing with similar post secondary plans

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- a. First allow students to go through the checklist individually, checking off what they have already accomplished.
  - b. Next, have students share with partner what they still have left to do and how they are planning on completing these tasks.
3. If computers are available in room allow students to work in group to research information need for post-secondary plan
4. After students have discussed with partners their educational checklist return to whole group discussion.
5. Allow students to share what they found easy to complete and then what they are having difficulty completing. Utilizing help from all students brainstorm to come up with suggestions on how to accomplish all the goals needed to have post secondary success.
  - a. Have students write on their checklist the two websites under Additional Resources. Emphasize how these sites are a great resource to help guide students through the financial aid process. They provide up-to-date information, deadlines, applications, and guidelines for post secondary educational success.

## Additional Resources:

WV Higher Education Policy Commission (scholarship and grant links and information):

[http://wvhepcnew.wvnet.edu/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=40&Itemid=0](http://wvhepcnew.wvnet.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=40&Itemid=0)

American Education Services (helpful tools, information, and guides to post secondary loans): <http://www.aessuccess.org/index.html>

## Extension Activities:

Continue to research career option and complete steps needed for post-secondary plan.

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