

Why you can't stop after high school!

It's economics—the more you learn, the more you will make [in average annual earnings].

Professional degrees [medical doctors, lawyers]	\$99,300
College graduates	\$45,400
High school graduate	\$25,000

Jobs in the 21st century will require education and training beyond high school—the fastest growing occupations require postsecondary education:

<u>Occupations [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics]</u>	<u>% increase by 2010</u>
Computer software engineers, applications	100
Computer support specialists	97
Computer software engineers, systems software	90
Network systems and computer system administrators	90
Network systems and data communications analysts	77
Desktop publishers	67
Database administrators	66
Computer systems analysts	60
Physician assistants	53
Medical records and health information technicians	49
Computer and information systems managers	48
Physical therapist assistants	45
Audiologists	45
Fitness trainers and aerobics instructors	40
Computer and information scientists, research	40
Occupational therapist assistants	40
Veterinary technologists and technicians	39
Speech pathologists	39
Mental health and substance abuse social workers	39
Dental hygienists	37
Special education, preschool and elementary school	37

Jobs will change in the next 50 years—people will hold several different jobs in their lifetime. The more education one gets, the greater her/his adaptability in changing jobs.

Taking the right courses early in high school increases opportunities:

- A health care worker needs math and science courses in high school to prepare for college biology, chemistry, and anatomy classes needed for the licensing exams.
- To teach in an elementary school you must pass exams on teaching and general education that require proficiency in communication and math skills.
- The computer business student will take courses in accounting, economics, finance, statistics, and computer science or information science to get a degree.

The best gift a parent can give their child is the educational preparation for their adult life.