

Countdown to GRADUATION

On **pages 22-23**, there is a guide for middle and high school students to learn what needs to be checked off their “to-do” list by the end of every school year, leading up to high school graduation.

WHAT YOU’LL NEED:

Arkansas Next magazine
1 piece of paper per student
1 pencil per student

Students will spend 10 minutes reading through the list and answering the following questions on a separate piece of paper. After the 10 minutes are up, turn to your neighbor(s) or break up into groups and discuss their answers to the following questions for another 10 minutes.

1. Based on this list, what have you already completed?
2. If you haven’t completed anything yet, what is something you think needs to be done soon?
3. Does anything on this list surprise you?
4. Do you plan on going to college? If so, where? If not, what do you want to do after graduation?

Once the discussion wraps up, the teacher may ask a few students to share what they discussed with their neighbor(s). Give an opportunity for other students to pitch in by raising their hands if they want to share something, as well.



Life After High School:

KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

**In-class activity OR homework*

*Did you know that there are multiple options out there for you? Whether you can’t wait to enter the workforce after high school graduation, you plan on going to a four-year university or decide to pursue medical school – there are options out there for everyone! Check out **pages 28-29** to discover what pathway best suits you!*

This is an individual student assignment.

Students will put together a 5-part slideshow using Canva, Google Slides or PowerPoint based on the future they want to invest in. **Answer the following questions when creating the slideshow:**

1. What pathway do you want to follow?
2. Why did you choose this option?
3. What kind of careers do you see yourself pursuing with this option in mind? How much do these jobs make on average in Arkansas?
4. Why should others consider this pathway, as well?
5. What is something new you learned about this option/pathway?

Spend 20 minutes creating this slideshow. Once the 20 minutes are complete, students will present to their peers.

