



IHaveaPlanIowa Special Education Scenarios

1) Beginning to Think About Careers

Joshua is a high school sophomore beginning to think about a future career. He enjoys working outside and has always had a green thumb. It's been suggested that he look into landscape architecture, but he's not sure he wishes to pursue a four-year degree. What could Joshua do to gain exposure to a career where he can be outside and put his green thumb to good use?

Suggested Use of IHaveaPlanIowa

Joshua could consider using the [Interest Profiler](#) or [Cluster Finder](#) to find careers matching his interests. He also could browse careers in the [Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Cluster](#) and sort them by education level to see which careers would be possible without a four-year degree.

2) Unrealistic Career Expectations

Caroline is a high school senior. She has plans to be a pediatrician. She understands the requirements of college and medical school, but struggles with math and science. She has yet to take the ACT. Her parents are so excited she has made a decision they are overlooking the obstacles she will face. How can Caroline understand her abilities and limits?

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Caroline should complete the [Basic Skills Survey](#). It may be best that she complete the Basic Skills Survey with the assistance of an educator or counselor, who can help her to stay realistic about her skills. When finished with the Basic Skills Survey, Caroline should review her results and look into careers that best match her skills.

A counselor or educator may choose one of the [medical school blogs](#) for Caroline to read, or have her enter medical school into the [search bar](#) (top right hand side of the screen) to see what she can learn about medical school.

3) Learning Disability

Alex is a high school senior with Asperger's Syndrome. With support he can attend college and be successful. How could Alex find a college with services for students with learning disabilities? How can he find scholarships for students with disabilities?



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Have Alex search for colleges with the [School Finder](#) or [College Matching Assistant](#). He also should use the [Scholarship Finder](#) to find scholarships geared to students with disabilities. If Alex wished to stay closer to home for extra support, he could use the [Distance Search](#) to locate schools in his area.

4) Connecting Course Work to a Career

Max doesn't see the relevance in his courses, but wants to make a lot of money someday. How can Max make the connection between high school courses and a career? How can he use IHaveaPlanIowa to see that a higher level of education can lead to increased earnings?

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Max should use the [Career Finder](#), searching for careers by the characteristics of Education Level and Earnings.