



Think Higher. Think College.

Transition to College: Educators Can Make it Happen!

College is possible
for students with
intellectual disability!



Students with intellectual disability (ID) are making their dreams come true by enrolling in colleges and universities all over the country. Educators play a vital role in setting expectations and sharing resources with students and families who are interested in college. Here are some steps you can take to help students and their families to Think Higher. Think College!



EXPLORE

Learn about the different college options that are available for students with intellectual disability.

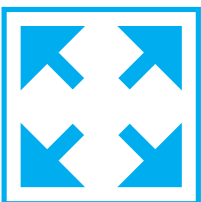
- Browse the College Search Tool at www.thinkcollege.net to get information on hundreds of programs across the country
- Reach out to programs to schedule a campus tour, in person or virtually or request recorded informational videos
- Invite staff from a local college program to talk to students about college options



SHARE

Start conversations about college with your students and families to explore options and share resources to help them successfully plan.

- Talk to students about their interest in college and how it can benefit them
- Share information with students, parents, and colleagues about college programs for students with ID
- Include college exploration and preparation in Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings and transition planning discussions



EXPAND

Building support for college expectations requires a team approach. Expand yours!

- Start conversations with your school or district administration about college options for students with ID
- Include students with ID in existing college fair and college visit experiences
- Share information on college programs for students with ID with community partners at existing transition fairs

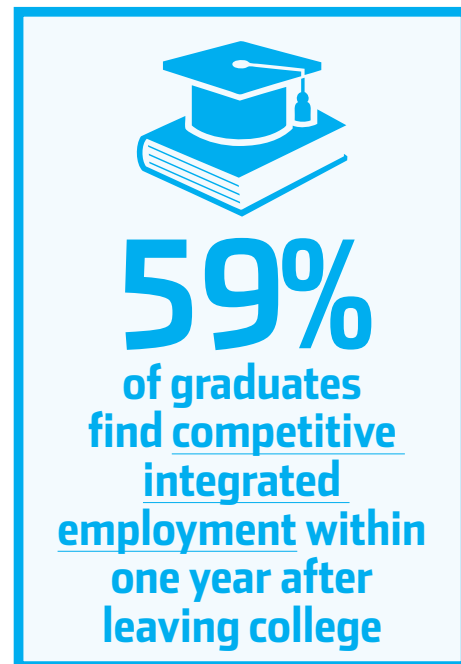
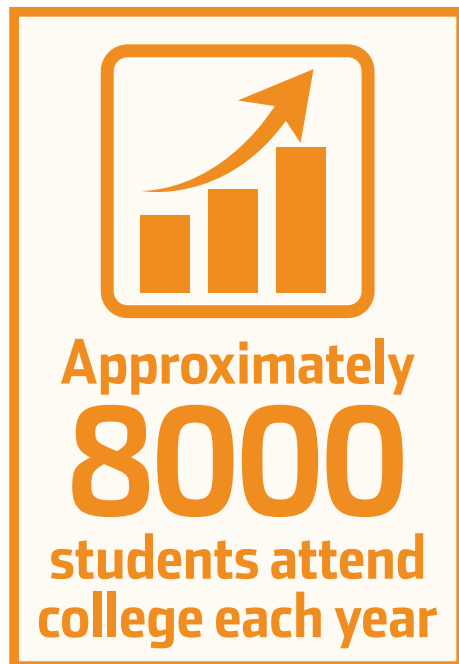
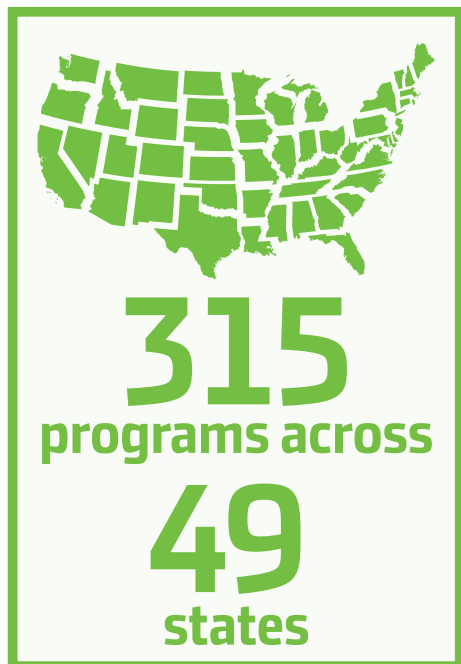
QUESTIONS TO GET STARTED

Ask administration: How can the district/school incorporate college as an option for students with ID in transition planning?

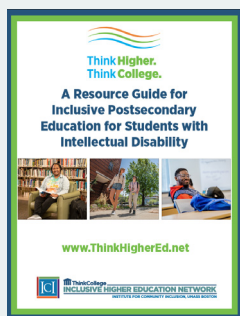
Ask students: When you think of going to college, what is important for you? What experiences would you like to have?

DID YOU KNOW?

College programs for students with [intellectual disability](#) are often called **inclusive postsecondary education (IPSE) programs**. In these programs, students take college courses related to their personal and career goals, pursue a course of study, and achieve one or more credentials. College students with ID are an active part of the campus community — learning, working, and often living with their college peers.



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A Resource Guide for Inclusive Postsecondary Education for Students with Intellectual Disability

This simple and easy-to-use guide offers an overview of IPSE programs and resources, links, tips, and tools for college planning.



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