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Financial Aid and Literacy

- **FAFSA:** If you haven't figured out where you're applying yet, don't worry! You can still submit the FAFSA form. List all the schools you're considering, even if you're not sure whether you'll apply. You can always [add schools to or remove schools from your FAFSA form](#) later.
- **WISE:** At the center of our financial literacy initiatives is the Financial Literacy Certification program, a groundbreaking innovation in financial education for high school students. The goal of the program is simple—to help high school students graduate as financially capable young adults. Participating high schools teach a course or unit on personal finance and then administer our national, standardized Financial Literacy Certification Test
- **Get Schooled:** This is a very student-friendly, dashboard-based platform, filled with hundreds of videos, articles, games, challenges and other interactive resources that guide and support students with tips for succeeding in high school, games that teach everything from refresher math to college application, A searchable database of scholarships, tools to find a job that will help pay for college and more.

Career Exploration

- **CareerZone:** The place to explore careers related to your strengths, skills, and talents from the arts and humanities, business information and systems, engineering, technology and health care to agriculture and human services.
- **Roadtrip Nation:** A nonprofit program that helps students discover their paths in life instead of traveling down someone else's. Their philosophy is that when we listen to ourselves and seek our own paths we're better able to contribute our unique talents to the world.
- **ASVAB Career Exploration Program:** This free program allows students to discover their strengths and interests and then map out a postsecondary plan to get them there.

- [Xello](#) : Academically researched and scientifically validated, Xello's award-winning program puts the student at the center of their planning experience. Students document their journey as they build self-knowledge, explore post-secondary options, create plans, and continually reassess as they take in new knowledge, skills, and experiences.
- [My Next Move](#): Ask what you want to do for a living? Browse careers, complete personal interest surveys and get matched to careers that might be of interest. Search careers by keyword. Find out what the employment prospects are for various occupations or check out the salaries and educational requirements for each.
- [CareerOneStop](#): Includes industry, state and occupational information along with interactive tools for career exploration, certification requirements by occupation, employer locator, salary information and more. Search by zip code, subject, education programs and more.
- [i Seek Careers](#): What's the difference between a 'job' and a 'career'? Assess your skills, interests and create a career plan. Explore more than 500 job descriptions and related educational requirements.
- [ACT: Education and Career Planning](#): This online tool, like many others, helps students formulate and track their plans for the future, answering questions they may have about how and when college and career planning intersect based on their current interests and aspirations.
- [Career Cruising](#): Career Cruising is a comprehensive bilingual (English and Spanish) interactive multimedia source which features profiles and information on hundreds of occupations, 2- and 4-year colleges and universities, as well as financial aid and scholarships. Allows users to create and store their profiles and planning documents.

Post-secondary Skills

- [Youth Portal](#): Young people ages 14-24 will find a host of resources that can help them prepare for an interview, write a resume, project a positive digital presence, manage finances and more.
- [Skills to Succeed Academy](#): is a free, highly interactive online training program. It helps learners build the skills and confidence they need to make smart career choices and find and succeed in employment.
- [SPEAKHIRE](#): develops the social and cultural capital of youth from immigrant families to become leaders in the workforce.
- [College Essay Guy](#): Your go-to resource for practical, step-by-step guides on writing beautiful college essays and putting together an awesome college application.
- [LINK for Counselors](#): The mission of LINK is to keep high school counselors informed and equipped with the resources they need to prepare their students for college enrollment and success. All resources are free of charge.
- [Big Future](#): This kit of online student-centered tools produced by the College Board is directed at college and career planning and is similar to the other college and career mapping resources that will be familiar to many of you.

- **[Mapping Your Future](#)**: This virtual nonprofit has developed a suite of online (and offline) tools to assist students as they prepare for college, career, and beyond. Their [CareerShip](#) site is comparable to other career mapping applications like PIVOT and [CareerOneStop](#).
- **[Microsoft Digital Literacy Course](#)**: Learn how to effectively use devices, software, and the internet to collaborate with others, and discover, use, and create information.
- **[Google Workspace \(formerly G Suite\) Certification](#)**: Free lessons to prepare for the G Suite certification exam. Includes modules on using Google Drive, Gmail, Hangouts, Docs, Sheets, and Slide
- **[Applied Digital Training](#)**: Free digital training videos designed for adult learners. Series topics include:
 - [Use Digital Tools for Everyday Tasks](#) (4-9 hours) - Learn how to use Google Docs, Drive, Email, and search.
 - [Research and Writing](#) (2-4 hours) - Find and evaluate online sources to write a research document.
 - [Create a Budget in Google Sheets](#) (7-9 hours) - Learn to make good financial decisions by researching and comparing costs and spending in a spreadsheet.
 - [Manage a Project](#) (4-9 hours) - Plan a team project, track its progress and costs, and prepare a summary report using digital tools.
 - [Create a Resume in Google Docs](#) (45-90 minutes) - Design, write, and format a professional resume.
 - [Build a Portfolio with Google Slides](#) (45-90 minutes) - Share creative work by creating a portfolio website.
- **[Pockets Change](#)**: This platform helps students build financial resilience through Hip Hop pedagogy. Financial education is more than numbers. It's also a tool for self-care and social justice. The curriculum and workshops make change happen through Hip Hop pedagogy, which focuses on understanding self-identity in relation to the whole. By connecting Hip Hop and Finance, the program can help students develop an understanding of themselves and their relationship with money. We build financial habits that resonate with our personal identity. We discover how we process information and how to effectively communicate & collaborate. By starting with self-care and personal agency we build our individual capacity to take part in social justice efforts and create change in our lives, our communities, and our world.
- **[Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#)**: The CFPB offers more than 200 free, easy-to-use financial literacy activities designed to support K-12 students along their journeys to financial well-being. The activities can be incorporated into any school subject and come with step-by-step teacher guides and student materials. You don't have to be a financial expert to use them. The activities can be done at home or in the classroom, and most activities can be done electronically – no printing necessary.

Career Training and Internships

- **[Workforce Solutions](#)**: The When I Grow Up career exploration curricula serve students, teachers, parents and the community of those in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grades. Each grade level

curriculum is designed to cater to the needs of the students and those presenting the information at that level. [When I Grow Up - Career Lessons and Activities for Grades 9-12](#)

- [Many Paths, OneGoal](#): OneGoal is a national organization committed to increasing postsecondary access and success for low-income and underrepresented students. They have developed a comprehensive database that includes in-depth information about career-entry programs, skills training opportunities, career pathways, and other resources within the five boroughs.
- [NEW](#): Nontraditional Employment for Women (NEW) prepares, trains, and places women in careers in the skilled construction, utility, and maintenance trades, helping women achieve economic independence and a secure future for themselves and their families.
- [Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow](#): Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow helps disadvantaged youth and adults recognize their own self-worth, advance towards self-sufficiency and achieve financial security through job training, academic reinforcement, improved life skills, job placement, and support services.
- [WorkForce1](#): A service provided by the NYC Department of Small Business Services that prepares and connects qualified candidates to job opportunities in NYC.
- [Here To Here](#): champions young people by working to redefine the systems that unfairly burden Black and Brown students as they pursue their career ambitions. Building equitable career pathways through powerful partnerships.
- [JobsFirstNYC and the Young Adult Sectoral Employment Project](#): The goal of JobsFirstNYC is to reduce by 5% the number of out-of-school and out-of-work young adults in NYC by 2017. This means moving 9,000 young people onto the path of long-term self-sufficiency. JFNYC launched the Young Adult Sectoral Employment Project in 2013 as a first-of-its-kind effort to test whether a sector-specific approach can be successfully applied to organizations serving young adults who are out of school or work by creating more customized pathways to employment.
- [Urban Youth Jobs/New York Youth Jobs Programs](#): The Urban Youth Jobs/New York Youth Jobs Program, formerly called New York Youth Works, encourages businesses to hire unemployed, disadvantaged youth, ages 16 to 24, who live in New York State. The initiative focuses on the following cities and towns: Albany, Buffalo, **New York City**, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Utica, White Plains, Yonkers, Brookhaven and Hempstead.
- [NYC Department of Education Work-Based Learning Toolkit](#): The toolkit will assist school leadership, work-based learning coordinators, teachers and their intermediary partners in designing, implementing and supporting quality Work-Based Learning activities for high-school students. The toolkit aligns with the **Domains of College and Career Readiness** and supports larger school-wide efforts to graduate students ready for postsecondary pathways and careers.

[MHA Labs](#): This free, downloadable toolkit includes more than 45 skills-building worksheets, checklists and training supports. Mix and match to create your own custom skill-building program.

[MOUSE](#): MOUSE provides technology training and certification opportunities to students from under-served communities across the country. MOUSE believes that learning technology is no longer about basic

engineering, computation, or information alone, but building the skills and senses to apply technology creatively to make a positive impact in the world around them. Bring MOUSE to your school.

Futures and Options – Connecting Urban Youth to Careers: FAO offers students a range of opportunities (paid internships, career essentials training, college guidance workshops and more). Applications for most offerings are accepted on a rolling basis.

Ladders for Leaders: The NYC Ladders for Leaders program provides high school and college students the opportunity to participate in summer internships with some of the most dynamic corporations and businesses in New York City. The NYC Ladders for Leaders program, a component of the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), provides professional internships to NYC youth between the ages of 16-21.

Learning That Works: The Learning that Works Resource Center was developed through the [New Skills for Youth initiative About the Learning that Works Resource Center - Advance CTEe](#), a partnership of the [Council of Chief State School Officers](#), Advance CTE and the [Education Strategy Group](#), generously funded by JPMorgan Chase & Co.

National College Transition Network: The NCTN provides technical assistance and professional development services to community college, adult education, and workforce systems. We design accelerated career pathways, comprehensive student support services, and effective multi-stakeholder partnerships that help adults attain their educational and career goals and access greater economic opportunity.

Frontline Health: an American Heart Association BLS provider. We are an American Heart Association BLS Provider certification training site and a Proud Provider of American Red Cross First Aid CPR AED certification classes for Personal Trainers, Fitness Professionals, Nannies, Teachers, Coaches, Medical Professionals, and Groups at our state of the art training center in Midtown Manhattan or we can bring the training your location at no additional charge (minimum 6 people).

OSHA: We specialize in online safety training for [OSHA Outreach](#), [HAZWOPER Training](#), [construction safety](#), and [general safety training](#) courses. Our interactive online courses include the [OSHA 10-hour Outreach](#), [OSHA 30-hour Outreach](#), and the [HAZWOPER 40-hour](#), [24-hour](#) and [8-hour Refresher](#) courses.

Workforce Development Institute: The Workforce Development Institute (WDI) is a statewide non-profit that works to increase opportunities for all New Yorkers to succeed in the workforce while earning family-sustaining wages. We use a range of tools including “boots on the ground” information, workforce expertise, data analysis, and flexible funding to facilitate projects that help labor unions, employers, educational institutions, and other workforce partners think and act differently regarding hiring, training, educating, and retaining an inclusive and productive workforce.

Future Skills Exchange (FSX): The [Future Skills Exchange \(FSX\)](#) is a free web-based marketplace that connects New Yorkers who seek courses, certifications, apprenticeships, and credentials directly to the education and training providers who deliver them. The platform focuses on education and training options for working learners to develop skills, acquire real-world job experience and evaluate options to prove their skills to current and future employers. The Workforce Development Institute developed FSX in partnership with Innovate+Educate.

Guardian Group Services: We are a top ranked security guard training school in NY State. We were one of the first schools approved by NY State to provide online training courses for security guards in New York and we do more of it than anyone else. We are dedicated to the gold standard of training that has placed so many of our students in positions of critical trust.

Early Childhood Education and Training Program: Rockefeller College offers free online training in early childhood education. Courses would be a good fit for students interested in early childhood education as a career or future internship placement. Application saves progress so students can complete on a flexible schedule. Training topics include:

- Foundations in Health and Safety e-Learning (5 Hours)
- Mandated Reporter Online Training (2 hours)
- Anti-bias Education in Early Childhood (1.5 hours)
- Early Intervention (1.5 hours)
- Emergency Preparedness (1.5 hours)
- Expulsion and Suspension Prevention Strategies (1.5 hours)
- Family Engagement (1.5 hours)
- Implicit Bias in Early Childhood (1.5 hours)
- Infant Brain Development (1 hour)
- Keeping Children Safe: Prevention of Lead Poisoning (1.5 hours)
- Managing Challenging Behavior (1.5 hours)
- Obesity Prevention (2 hours)
- Preventing SIDS and Promoting Safe Sleeping (1 hour)
- Prevention and Identification of Brain Injuries (2 hours)
- School Age Childcare (1.5 hours)
- Supervision of Children (1.5 hours)
- Transportation (2 hours)

Educational Video Center: The Educational Video Center is a non-profit youth media organization dedicated to teaching documentary video skills as a means to develop the artistic, critical literacy, and career skills of young people, while nurturing their idealism and commitment to social change. Due to the closure of NYC schools, all in-person EVC workshops are suspended and our staff is working remotely until further notice. EVC has converted its workshops to an online learning experience that aligns with its curriculum and meets DOE learning standards. For additional information please reach out to info@evc.org.

TechKids Unlimited: Tech Kids Unlimited (TKU) is a NYC-based not-for-profit organization that teaches computer science thinking and technology to kids who learn differently. Its mission is to open up the field of technology to students with disabilities, especially those with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) to help them become the techies of tomorrow. By creating, developing and sharing the tools of technology in a supportive and nurturing individualized environment, we are working to change the paradigm for education and employment for young people with disabilities.

Narrative 4: Narrative 4 is a global organization driven by artists, shaped by educators and led by students. The core methodology, The Story Exchange, is designed to help students understand that their voices, stories, actions and lives matter, and that they have the power to change, rebuild and revolutionize the world around them. Click [here](#) to view the workshop schedule. Workshops are free.

Aquatic Solutions: Aquatic Solutions provides entry-level participants the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize and respond to aquatic emergencies and to provide care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries and sudden illnesses until EMS personnel take over. Upon successful completion of this course each participant will receive a two (2) year American Red Cross Certification in Lifeguarding, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid.

Elite Learners: Elite Learners, Inc. is a school and community-based organization providing athletic, educational, and mentorship programming to youth, their families to build community leaders. Our goal is to build a community support system that will positively impact our future generations. We envision a community of mentors who partner with our youth, improve the neighborhood, and create socially, emotionally, and mentally prepared leaders.

Beam Center: Young people enter Beam Center as novices to creative and technical practices but gain a plethora of tangible professional level skills through our programs. They also learn how to be participatory community members who become their own self advocates and community leaders in their own right.

Learn Digital at Google: Master the basics of digital marketing with our free course accredited by Interactive Advertising Bureau Europe and The Open University. There are 26 modules to explore, all created by Google trainers, packed full of practical exercises and real-world examples to help you turn knowledge into action.

University Startup: Providing school districts with the courses, tools, and support needed to empower students on their pathways to higher education and better careers.

- College and Career Readiness
- Full-service Training and Support
- Interactive Tools for Personalized Pathways
- Learning Outcome Data for Reporting

Home Health Aide Training: CUNY Kingsborough Community College (KCC) is offering an 184-hour training program for intermediate English Language Learner candidates 18+ who are interested in becoming certified Home Health Aides (HHA). This training provides students with the additional linguistic support needed to pursue this type of profession and reinforces the vocabulary of the field as well as the grammar, conversational, and cultural skills needed to work in an English-speaking environment. All tuition, fees, supplies and support are included.

Drivers Ed Course | Driving School Vendor Resources: Having a NYS driver's license is an essential part of achieving economic security. As vocational schools, trade programming and careers are the most popular PS pathways, For students obtaining a NYS driver's license is a great skill to add to their resume in an effort to make them more marketable for entry level positions.

By providing students with the opportunity to obtain their NYS driver's license puts them one step closer to obtaining their CDL. Having a CDL will allow students the option of being able to work with long distance and/or local trucking companies (Amazon, FedEx, UPS etc.). For many BCHS students this is an excellent career option as college is not the first option of interest to them.

Certified Make-up Course | Beauty Bliss Academy: The course is designed to provide a full technical and creative introduction to become a professional make-up artist, whilst providing a varied curriculum of theoretical and practical aspects to learning. The course helps students connect to careers/real workplace learning through experience. With this certification, students will be able to start a career within the makeup field and further their skills by attending other certification classes.

W!se Institute: The W!se Institute is an award-winning college and career-readiness initiative offered throughout the year to students in New York City high schools as school-day seminars and after-school work experiences. Students interact with nearly 300 volunteers who, as role models, inspire, motivate and guide students to develop an understanding of economics and finance, STEM, communications and arts and humanities to acquire essential academic and career skills.

The New York Institute of Pet Grooming (NYIPG): Prepares a diverse and talented community of professional pet groomers to thrive and lead in a global industry by cultivating a love of learning, independent thinking and a dedication to serving pets and their owners.

Building Beats: Since 2013, Building Beats has developed and expanded DJ, Music Production and Podcasting programs, instilling entrepreneurship, leadership, and life skills in New York City's low-income and minority youth. With a strong belief in activating students' passion for music as a pathway to build entrepreneurial skills, BB provides students with the structure, tools, and knowledge necessary to become self-directed, creative producers who harness their creative potential to benefit their community. Since 2013, we've taught over 10,000 students and partnered with over 229 organizations across NYC and LA.

NYCETC & Civil Service Examination-Department of Citywide Administrative Services:

Public sector jobs traditionally offer three attributes that workforce providers value: security, upward mobility, and high satisfaction. Most municipal jobs are unionized, and offer competitive compensation when benefits are considered. Civil service rules—while often a barrier to entry into public sector jobs—help facilitate advancement along career paths. Further, many city workers derive a sense of pride and purpose from serving their community.

Case Management | Social Emotional

- **Attendance Works:** As a non-profit initiative, Attendance Works collaborates with schools, districts, states, communities and organizations to ensure that everyone recognizes that chronic absence is a serious issue that can be addressed using a positive, problem-solving approach grounded in an understanding of educational inequities.

Technology

- **Girls Who Code:** Girls Who Code is an organization that values diversity, equity, and inclusion as essential to our mission. Girls Who Code offers a wide range of programs aimed at supporting

college-aged students and early career professionals (18-25) in persisting in their computer science education and succeeding in their first internships and jobs.

- **Custom Guide**: an Interactive tutorial program that includes skills assessments, quick references, and customizable courseware. Each Courseware Title Includes:
 - **Instructor Guide** lays out the training in simple, easy-to-follow instructions.
 - **Student Guide** gives each participant an illustrated reference manual.
 - **Exercise Files** include real examples to practice with in class, so you don't have to create them.

Career Directory New Visions

Guiding Students into Career Pathways: Explore our Career Directory, empowering NYC students with cost-effective or free postsecondary Career Training Programs, including training, certifications, internships, support services, and job placement assistance. Click [here](#) to learn more about this project and where our Directory information comes from.

Community College Programs

- **CUNY START**: CUNY Start provides intensive preparation in academic reading/writing, math, and "college success." The program enrolls prospective CUNY students who have been accepted to college because they have a high school diploma or GED, but are not ready for college-level work based on their scores on the CUNY Assessment Tests. Students who have enrolled in CUNY Start retake the required CUNY Assessment Tests. Past students have shown significant skill gains when they re-test; many have avoided required remedial coursework entirely.
- **CUNY ASAP**: ASAP was launched in fall 2007 with funding from [the New York City Center for Economic Opportunity](#). ASAP is committed to graduating at least 50% of students within three years through provision of comprehensive support services and financial resources. ASAP is found at six CUNY community colleges: [Borough of Manhattan Community College](#), [Bronx Community College](#), [Hostos Community College](#), [Kingsborough Community College](#), [LaGuardia Community College](#), [Queensborough Community College](#). The ASAP design also informed the development of CUNY's Guttman Community College (formerly the New Community College), which opened in fall 2012.

Key Data and Resources for Career Exploration Advisors and Counselors

- **Bureau of Labor Statistics**: The principal fact-finding arm of the federal government for labor and economic data.
- **NYS Labor Market Information**: A service provided by the NYS Department of Labor, LMI provides statistics on workforce development by region, metropolitan area, and select cities along with an array of workforce related data.

- [NYC Labor Market Information Services](#): NYC LMIS distills and frames the volumes of available labor market and economic information and makes it accessible for use by the public workforce system's partners and stakeholders for their day-to-day operations and strategic decision-making.
- [The Occupational Outlook Handbook \(OOH\)](#): This online resource, is the federal government's premier career information resource. It contains detailed information – what workers do, the work environment, how to enter the occupation, pay, and job outlook – for over 300 occupational profiles.
- [School-Connect](#): Optimizing the High School Experience, a program for boosting students' social, emotional and academic skills. School-Connect authors also offer professional development in how to implement the program and create supportive learning communities in middle and high schools and speak nationally on the importance of school connectedness to adolescents' personal growth and engagement in learning.

Online Reading Resources

- [Achieve3000 | Differentiated Instruction Accelerated](#) : Achieve3000 has been empowering educators and helping them unlock student potential and accelerate learning growth. Now, more than ever, schools and districts need proven solutions that can help them address unfinished learning and prepare students for success.
- [Edmentum Courseware | ELL Foundational Skills](#): NY aligned digital curriculum for every environment

Credentialing For All

[Credentialing For All](#): Our Credentialing for All publication answers the “how,” “what,” “why,” and “who” of credentialing learning experiences. Through video, diagrams and countless examples, we explore what an education system that empowers learners with transparent, portable learner records could look like.