

EDUCATION

When students with disabilities turn 18, they **have more rights and responsibilities at school.**



18 is sometimes called the **“age of majority.”**
Students and their parents should start talking about these changes ahead of time.

Some students with disabilities will stay in school until they turn 22. Other students will graduate when they’re 18.

Either way, students are more responsible for their education when they turn 18.

They are able to decide who attends their IEP meetings, sign consent for the IEP, and make decisions about their IEP and other services.

There are different ways for your parents to help depending on how much support you need and want.

Some of them involve going to the courthouse. Others can be done at school. You, your parents, and your school should talk about what will work best for you.

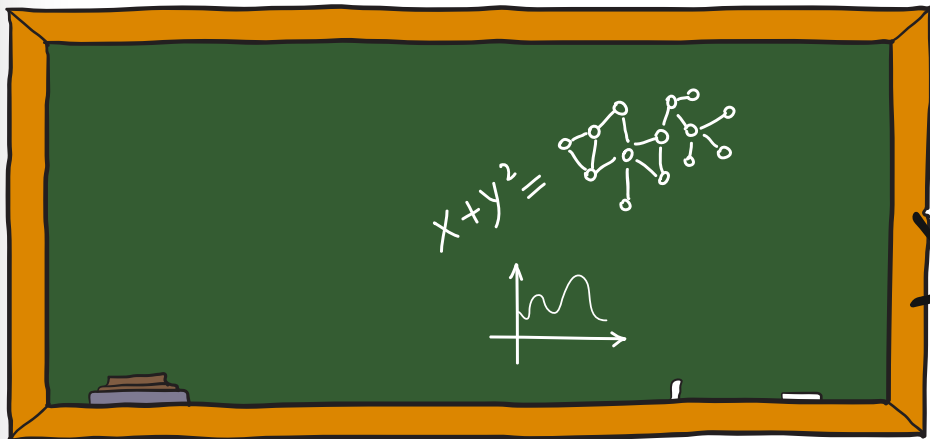
Whatever you decide, it is a good idea to have your plan in writing.



Why is it important:

“Education transition is very important because it helps you to be able to grow into your learning and experience. To help you grow and learn more about what you would like to do for your job in the future.”

“They didn’t believe I could do it, but I knew that I could do it.”



What advice would you give your younger self?

“It is important to prepare yourself for the future ahead of you.”



You will need to make a plan with your school if you want your parents to stay involved. You might need to sign papers that say that your parents can still see your school records.



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