

Middle School to High School Transition Tips for Educators

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High school students with disabilities deserve complete access to general education courses, electives, tests required for a high school diploma, and all other aspects of a full high school experience, regardless of the school they attend.

The National High School Center

Middle School Teachers Can:



Arrange for 8th graders to shadow a freshman at the high school.



Talk to students about requirements for high school credits, importance of passing classes.



Help students to begin thinking about options for jobs and careers. This will help determine high school classes needed.

High School Teachers Can:



Ask high school students to be on a panel discussion for eighth graders on how to make change to high school smoother.



Give 8th graders high school student handbook before summer so they can be familiar with school schedule and policies.



Offer a Welcome to High School Barb-b-q, or Ice Cream Social to the incoming freshman.



Have freshman start one day before the other high school students.



Encourage families to continue to be involved in their child's education. Give them positive feedback on their child's work and progress.