

Resources for High School Students Transitioning to Adult Life:



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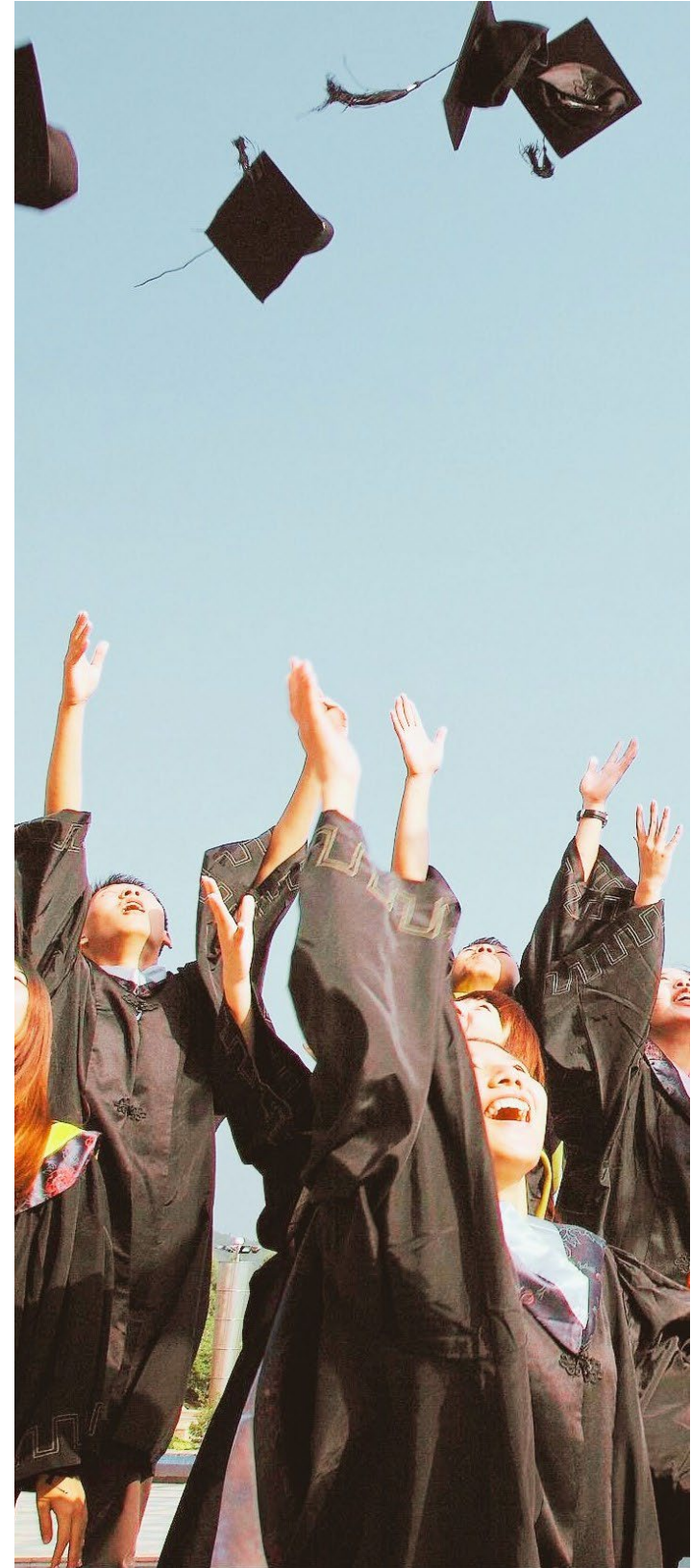
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About KYPSO

The Kentucky Post School Outcomes Center (KYPSO) is part of the Human Development Institute (HDI) at the University of Kentucky (UK). KYPSO develops and oversees the Youth One Year Out (YOYO) former student interview. KYPSO works with state and local partners, such as the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), to identify factors that lead to a successful transition from high school to adult life for students with disabilities.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is the YOYO interview?

The YOYO interview helps identify factors that lead to a successful transition from high school to adult life for students with disabilities. During the YOYO interview, former students will have a chance to describe their experiences since leaving high school and learn about available resources. Information is gathered such as:

- Are you currently working for pay?
- Are you in any school or training program now?
- How have things been going for you since you left high school?

Who is interviewed?

Former students will be asked to participate in the YOYO interview if they had an

Individualized Education Program (IEP) at the time they exited high school. When necessary, information may be gathered from a parent, guardian, or caregiver on behalf of the student.

Who conducts the interview?

Someone from the high school (usually a teacher) will contact the former student one year after they exit high school to conduct the YOYO interview.

When does the interview take place?

The YOYO interview will take place one year after exiting high school. The former student will be contacted sometime between April – August. Typically, the interview will be conducted by telephone and will take approximately 15 minutes. The high school may send a reminder in the mail. It's important that the former student notify their high school if their contact information changes (phone, mailing address, email).

Why is the interview conducted?

Information gathered from the YOYO interview lets schools know if their programs are working. It helps schools focus on the things that help prepare students for success in the adult world, such as education and employment after high school. It is a federal and state requirement for schools to collect this information each year. The YOYO interview is voluntary and confidential.

Findings from the 2022 YOYO

One year after exiting high school, former students were:

- Competitively employed- **39.9%**
- Other employment (E.g., self-employed)-**23.5%**

- Enrolled in higher education- **16.0%**
- Enrolled in other postsecondary education/training programs- **5.3%**

Of those former students who were employed, **68%** reported that they found their job either very or somewhat interesting.

Of those former students enrolled in postsecondary education:

- Enrolled in a 2-year college- **39%**
- Enrolled in a 4-year college- **32%**
- Enrolled in vocational/technical school- **13%**
- Working toward a bachelor's degree- **33%**
- Working toward an associate degree- **27%**
- Working toward a certificate- **21%**