

Dear Student,

Do you know what you will do after you finish high school? Most young adults are too busy or even a little afraid to think about life after high school.

In this unit, you will learn about the options and opportunities you will have after you finish high school. You may want to go from high school right into a job. Or you may want to go into a training program before starting a job. You may want to start either full time or part time college right after graduating or later in your life. Another option is to join the military.

It is important that you make a decision soon. It is time for you to begin planning the steps you need to take. Remember, if you do not make a decision, it will be made for you.

Good luck with this next step toward your future!

# FACT SHEET

How much is high school worth?

## How Much Money Will You Make in Your Lifetime?

1. High School Graduates on average will earn . . . .1,200,000.00

2. High School drop out will earn . . . . . 648,000.00

3. How much money will a high school dropout lose?

Subtract 1,200,000 - 648,000 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

How much is your high school education worth?

4. How much is each year of high school worth?

Divide 1,200,000 by 4 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

5. How much is each day worth?

Multiply 4 years by 180 days = \_\_\_\_\_days

Divide 1,200,000 by 720 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

6. How much is each hour worth?

Multiply 720 days by 6 hours = \_\_\_\_\_hours

Divide 1,200,000 by 4,320 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

\*This information is based on four years of high school, 180 days per year and 6 hours per day, according to the most current Census Bureau Report.

## STAY IN SCHOOL

Why is it important to stay in school and earn your high school diploma? What will it do for your future? How will you feel about yourself? Do most people earn a diploma? What do you family and friends say about staying in school?

Read the two reasons for staying in school listed below. With your partner, discuss the topic, "Why stay in school," and write as many reasons you can on the lines below.



1. If you stay in school and get a diploma, you will earn over one million dollars (\$1,200,000) in your lifetime.
2. Most jobs require at least a high school diploma. If you have a high school diploma, you will be qualified for more jobs.

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## DROP OUT AND WORK

Why would someone choose to drop out of school and go to work? What are the advantages of dropping out and working now? As a dropout you will earn six hundred thousand dollars (\$648,000) in your lifetime. What will dropping out do for your future? How will you feel about your self? Do you think most people earn a diploma? What would your family and friends say about dropping out of school?



Read the two reasons for dropping out of school listed below. With your partner discuss the topic, "Why drop out and work," and write as many reasons as you can on the lines below.

1. If you drop out of school and work now, you will earn over six hundred thousand dollars (648,000) in your lifetime.
2. If you work full-time now, you can buy clothes, go out to dinner, and save for a car.

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