

## St. Louis Trade Schools:

These are a few examples of trade schools in the St. Louis area:

**American Trade School**

**Midwest Institute**

**Ranken Technical Institute**

**St. Louis Community College**

## St. Louis Universities:

**Saint Louis University (SLU)**

**University of St. Louis (UMSL)**

**Webster University**

**Washington University**

**St. Louis Community College**

**\*Choosing what to do after high school is not easy.**

Take time to research available programs in which you are interested.

Take time to talk to people who have attended college/trade school.

Take time to talk to your academic counselor.

**Most Importantly: take time to find out what INTERESTS YOU.**

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# Jennings Senior High ELL Students

College or Trade  
School?

**Planning to go to college starts your freshman year.**



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## College

### In general:

All colleges require the following:

- \*High School Diploma.
- \*Certain GPA (2.5 or higher).
- \*2 years of foreign language or fluency on a second language.
- \*Certain ACT or SAT scores (it depends on the college).

### In addition, colleges expect:

- \*Entrance essay.
- \*Extracurricular activities through high school (clubs, athletics).
- \*Recommendation letters (from school personnel).
- \*Some colleges may interview you.

Each college is different, and some may have specific requirements.

### Consider the following:

\*In order to earn a college degree, YOU must WANT to earn a college degree.

### Paying for college:

Colleges offer scholarships. Most requirements are related to your academics.

You can apply for financial aid from the federal government (FAFSA). This is an academic loan that you will have to repay.

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## How can I get ahead in High School?

### During the summer:

- \*Whether you are planning to go to college or trade school:
- \*Attend Summer School at the high school: you can earn credits ahead of the school year.
- \*Internships in labs or businesses.
- \*Enroll in online courses.

### During the school year:

- \*Complete your work on time.
- \*Study daily: go over the day's notes, read extra information on the topics being taught, ask for help.
- \*Attend AFTER SCHOOL clubs that interest you.
- \*Complete free online courses to better yourself in core subjects: Math, Science, English, STEM.
- \*Practice the ACT or SAT tests online. There are free websites that allow you to practice for these tests.
- \*Research colleges/trade schools to become familiar with them.
- \*Talk to older, liked-minded students.
- \*Talk to teachers.
- \*Talk to your academic counselor.

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## Trade Schools

### In general:

- \*Trade schools are schools in which you learn a trade, or a particular job, through hands on experience.
- \*You only need a High School Diploma to access a trade school.

\*Some community colleges offer trade programs.

\*After you finish your program, you will earn a diploma/certificate on your trade.

\*Some examples of trade school programs are:

Masonry, Carpentry, Practical Nursing, Mechanic, Electrician, Commercial Driver, Home Inspector.

\*Trade schools focus on hands on training and manual labor.

\*Programs' length varies, but trade school programs can be completed in two years or less.

### Paying for trade school:

Trade school is much cheaper than college, and you can apply for financial aid.