**PATHWAYS TO YOUR FUTURE**

**STANDARD EDUCATION**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- High School Diploma
- With an IEP you can stay until 22 yrs. old

**ADULT SCHOOL**
- School after 18 yrs. old or 22 yrs. old
- GED or High School Diploma

**SPECIALIZED EDUCATION**

**HIGH SCHOOL**
- High School Diploma
- With an IEP you can stay until 22 yrs. old

**CONTINUATION SCHOOL**
- High School Diploma

**4-YEAR COLLEGE**
- Baccalaureate (BA or BS) Degree

**2-YEAR COLLEGE**
- Associates (AA) Degree

**VOCATIONAL SCHOOL**
- Certification

**ADVANCED DEGREES**
- Master’s Degree (M.A, M.S)
  1-2 years
- Professional School
  - Medical School (M.D.) 4-8 years
  - Law School (J.D.) 3 years
  - Dentistry School (D.D.S) 4 years
- Doctorate (Ph.D, Ed.D) 4-8 years

**CAREER OF YOUR DREAMS**
**HIGH SCHOOL**
- Final phase of secondary education.
- Grants high school diploma that represents your completion of standard education requirements for jobs and colleges.
- Requires completion by the age of 19.
- Students with an IEP can complete high school by the age of 22.

**CONTINUATION SCHOOL**
- Alternative high school diploma program.
- Option for students 16-18 years of age, who have not graduated from high school, who are at risk of not graduating.
- Must spend at least 15 hours per week or three hours per day at school, taking courses required for graduation.
- Grants high school diploma that represents your completion of standard education requirements for jobs and colleges.
- Common reasons for choosing continuation education include: having a job outside of school, being behind in high school credits, family needs or other circumstances.

**ADULT SCHOOL**
- Standard education program for students 18 and older.
- Grants high school diploma, or general education diploma (GED).
- In addition, learn about jobs, learn to speak English, or learn how to become a U.S. citizen.

References