Students Share How High School Could Have Better Prepared Them for Life



Ahead of Personalized Learning Month, a survey of 1,000 parents of public high school students and 1,000 recent public high school graduates reveals what they would have preferred in their education...



Only half

of recent high-school grads **plan to attend a four-year college or university**

Plan to enter the job force **24%**

Plan for a two-year college or university **21%**

Plan to go to trade school **9%**

Will take a gap year **7%**

Only **22%** felt **"very prepared"** for life after high school





And parents agree: less than half (43%) believe their child **is ready for the "real world" after graduating**



When asked what they wished their high school focused more on, **36%** said they would have liked to learn about post-high school life, beyond going to college or university



37% want more exposure to job skills



20% desire more application of classroom material, outside of testing

They also want to learn about:



Real-world skills **49%**



Mental health support **41%**



Life skills **41%**

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Data from a survey conducted by Talker Research on behalf of Learn4Life from June 17 to June 27, 2024, with a panel of 2,000 Americans – 1,000 parents of public high school students and 1,000 recent public high school graduates (ages 18 and 19).

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