

Career and College Preparation.

Schools should better prepare students for college and future jobs. Having more opportunities to explore college options and different careers would be beneficial to the Jeff Davis Parish youth.

Research and Statistics

• Hechingerreport.org took a poll showing that 47% of American high school graduates complete neither a college nor a career course they enter. Some of this issue is due to students not having a full understanding of the path they choose.

• A poll taken by Juniorachievement.org showed 70% of Americans will study at a 4 year college, but less than 2/3 will graduate.

• According to College magazine.com, 80% of American college students end up changing their major at least once.

Recommendations

1. Get high school graduates and experienced adults to form a program that explains to underclassmen the scholarship opportunities and how to get prepared for college.

2. Students can form a club that gets together and research scholarships and share with others different ideas to get prepared. This can encourage students to take more action and know where to start.

3. Some parents are unaware of how to help. Schools can offer a parent learning class where parents can get information about college preparation and career planning.