

## **Post-Secondary Pathways**

The best post-secondary plan for a student is the one that best fits their interests, aptitudes, and goals. The benefits of each opportunity are listed below for your information:

### **2 Year Program at a Community College or Technical College:**

- A good option for students who have not taken college preparatory-level classes in high school
- Small class size
- Some job-specific programming
- More “hands-on” education as compared to a four-year program
- Emphasis on skill development and employability.
- Potential to transfer credits to a four-year program

### **Military Enlistment:**

- Opportunity for advanced technical training
- May help pay for college after enlistment
- Students interested in this option should speak with a local recruiter, and compare military branch offerings before making a commitment.

### **Four-Year Program at a Liberal Arts College**

- A good fit for students who are interested in sampling different courses and who are not ready to major in one area at the beginning of their college career
- Graduates of liberal arts colleges may be viewed as “broadly educated” and therefore may be more flexible with fitting into different career categories.
- Liberal Arts Colleges are generally smaller colleges with student populations of less than 2000, providing small class sizes, and a college community where students benefit from personal attention.

### **Four-Year Program at a University**

- Generally larger student population and college community as compared to a liberal arts college
- Composed of several colleges, each focussing on a particular area of study (Education, Engineering, Business)
- Different levels of education possible, i.e., undergraduate, graduate, and some first professional degrees
- Larger size may translate to more on-campus work and research opportunities