



Students with IEPs or 504 plans and their families are invited to attend the Options Fair Wednesday, October 11, 6:00-8:30 pm at York Community High School, 355 W. St. Charles Rd. Elmhurst, IL 60126. The **OPTIONS FAIR** was established to offer students with special needs an opportunity to meet with colleges and universities, trades/certification programs, as well as agencies that can provide services after high school. This program is **free** to the public and **no pre-registration** is required.

Visit the Options Fair website: [www.optionsfair.org](http://www.optionsfair.org).

More than three dozen colleges and universities will attend, along with another three dozen other agencies focused on options after high school.

The fair is divided into **four clusters**:

- **College degree programs** with information regarding admissions and accommodations.
- **College experience programs** for those interested in continuing their education formally after high school with a focus on developing vocational, social, independent living and academic skills for employment and beyond.
- **Trades/certification programs** with information regarding admissions and training opportunities in trades such as automotive, skilled manufacturing, HVAC, welding, and computer technology
- **Adult agencies/services** that will provide insight about accessing state funding and services, obtaining government benefits, guardianship, long-term financial planning, day programs and more.

**Presentations** at 6:00pm will include:

- **Understanding the Alphabet Soup of Government Benefits**
  - Sherri Schneider Family Benefit Solutions Inc.
- **College Accommodations ADA vs. IDEA**
  - Samantha Salvato, MA, LCPC