

Transition Services

Transition Services offers home and community based educational services to District 12 students with disabilities between the ages of 18-21, who have a current IEP and who are determined by the special education staffing team to have deficits in the adult living/adaptive skills that would be necessary for increased independence in adult life.

Education and training may occur in one or more of the life skill domains: vocational, community, daily living/residential, and recreation/leisure. Not every student will need or choose to participate in all domain areas. Skills areas will be supported in those areas where the student is likely to apply those specific skills in adulthood. Intervention in the areas of motor, speech/language, social/interpersonal and functional academics are infused into goals and objectives relevant to the domain areas.

Although Transition Services is a part of the public school educational system, the educational emphasis shifts toward specific, individualized training and connections with adult community resources and activities and away from the focus on high school academic requirements. Most training is on an intensive, individual basis as students travel from home to community sites. We do not have a classroom. Student's schedules vary daily and weekly. The number of hours that a student receives services depends on the individual's needs and IEP goals.

Students complete Transition Services when they have met criteria determined by the IEP staffing team (including meeting goals and benchmark criteria), when the family and student choose not to continue participating or the student ages out at the end of the semester they turn 21. Students who turn 21 prior to the school year starting or during winter break, are no longer eligible for services the following semester.

Other supports provided by Transition Services include staff development on transition planning in the high schools and some specific skill training for those individual students who need additional supports learning adult living skills.

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