

Will you be ready when the bus stops coming: Life After High School?



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What is transition?

- ✓ The passage from one state, stage, subject, or place to another.
- ✓ The movement, development, or evolution from one form, state, stage, or style to another.

Source: Webster's Dictionary



What is transition in Special Education?

Transition is the process students and their families use to plan for life after high school and is in the IEP starting at age 14:

- To identify their desired outcomes,
- To plan their community and school experiences to assure that the students acquire the knowledge and skills needed to achieve their goals.

IDEA 2004 Defines Transition Services As:

- ✓ A coordinated set of activities for a students with disabilities designed to be within a **results-oriented process**, focused on improving the academic and functional achievement to facilitate movement from school to post-school activities, including post-secondary education, vocational training, integrated employment (including supported employment), continuing and adult education, adult services, independent living, or community participation;

IDEA 2004 Defines Transition Services As This As Well:

- ✓ is based on the individual child's needs, taking into account the child's strengths, preferences and interests; and
- ✓ includes instruction, related services, community experiences, the development of employment and other post-school adult living objectives, and if appropriate, acquisition of daily living skills and a functional vocational evaluation.



Mission



Transition Services will provide a full and efficient continuum of transition services empowering all students to make meaningful contributions to the world.

Who?

- **Transition Teachers** - One in every high school and one for the middle schools
- **Job Coaches** - One in every high school and CAST program
- **CAST** - Five teachers and five job coaches
- **Project Search** - One teacher and one LCPS job coach and one DARS job coach

Transition Services

- ✓ Assessments; Situational, vocational, surveys, skills inventories on-line, PERT
 - Job support
 - CAST
 - Project Search
 - Career & College Assistance
 - Community Based Work Experience and Training
 - On-site meetings with DARS/CSB representatives
Student Centered Planning and activities

So what do you need to know?

- Top priority - seniors and those exiting
- All students surveyed each year
- Letters of introduction sent every year
- Referrals to adult agencies made through transition teachers
- Services are provided based on need
- Transition teachers are a resource for parents, students and teaching staff.

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