# Special Education Services Transition Program Proposal

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# Special Education Services Who do we serve?

(primary disability code)

■ TBI: 10

■ DB: 11

■ VI: 36

OI: 39

NCEC 75

AI 210

As of February 20, 2015

ED: 269

ID: 329

OHI: 514

- AU: 996

SI: 1431

SLD: 1830

Total: 5750



### **Transition Program Overview**

#### Purpose:

- Preparing for the future is a part of everyone's education. Developing this roadmap is called Transition Planning. Creating the plan for your life helps you learn about your interests, abilities, skills to be developed in high school, independent living needs, career goals, education after high school graduation. Both the United States and Texas have laws for transition planning.
- Transition services for students served by special education are guaranteed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). In Texas, transition services begin by the student's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday and are defined as:



## **Transition Program Overview**

#### Purpose:

Transition services are a coordinated set of activities that promote movement from school to such post-school activities as post-secondary education, vocational training, employment, adult services, independent living and community participation. They must be based on the individual student's needs, taking into account his or her preferences and interests. Transition services must include instruction, community experiences, and development of employment and other post school adult living objectives. If appropriate, daily living skills and functional vocational evaluation may also be included. (TAC § 89.1055 and TEC § 29.0111)



## **Program History**

- Historically services have been provided at each of the senior high schools.
- Students remain at these buildings from 16 to 22 years of age.
- Typical limitations of school setting reduce the opportunity to create custom spaces for job preparation and work related skill development.
- One class meets at the Collin College campus.



### **Current Transition Students**

#### 103 Students

#### **Attending**

- □ PSHS 23 students, 700 sq.ft.
- □ PESH 27 students, 3,309 sq.ft.
- □ PWSH- 33 students, 4,828 sq.ft.
- Collin College- 20 students, 894 sq.ft.

#### Classes

- Job Awareness
- Job Exploration
- Job Experience in Community



## **Transition Program Facility**

New or existing building of approximately 8,000 -12,000 sq. ft.

Flexible instructional spaces

Fully equipped kitchens

Computer lab or grouped stations

Exercise area

Outside space

Located on DART bus route



### **Transition to Life in the Community**

- Community-Based
- Student Centered
- Goal Oriented
- https://youtu.be/sjRbkZ7qa28

# "Embracing the Future!"

**Thank You** for your support of the future for

Students with Disabilities!

