

RECOMMENDED TRANSITION FOR STUDENTS WORKING TOWARDS DIPLOMA

This is a timeline of best practices in transition planning. Transition planning is an individualized and unique experience for each student.

During the school year in which the student is turning 12 the following occurs and continues annually until the student leaves or graduates school:

- Begin administering annual vocational assessments (student interview, parent/guardian questionnaire, teachers and related services provider questionnaire)
- Vocational assessments to be re-conducted every year and being used to inform the PLOP in the IEP
- Consistent career exploration and exposure at home, school, and in the community
- Ongoing discussion of transition services and planning
- Discuss and consider credential and/or diploma options during IEP meetings

Age 14-21:

- Apply to high school (in 8th grade)
- Collect working papers, if appropriate
- At 15, students must be invited to IEP meetings (earlier if appropriate)
- Identify credential or diploma track student is working towards
- Students participate in annual reviews and transition planning meetings
- Apply for SYEP (summer internship and volunteer opportunities) and TOP
- Accumulate hours, credits and Regents exams towards respective diploma/credential
- Increase awareness and independence of public transportation systems
- Practice reading maps, using Google maps, navigating the city independently
- Collect necessary financial and disability documents for applications/accommodations after high school
- Obtain photo ID card
- Register to vote at 18 years old
- Increase awareness of change in law: entitlement → eligibility (IDEA → ADA)
- Visit or tour college campuses or vocational programs
- Apply to postsecondary schools or programs
- Ensure final triannual is conducted (preferably within the last year of high school)
- Have final IEP meeting: obtain exit summary
- Connect with college accessibility/disability/support services office
- Connect with ACCES-VR, OPWDD, and/or OMH if appropriate
- Graduate/leave high school
- Begin college, vocational program, or employment