

## ESC Work Transition Class Description

### Class Structure:

Students enter the program after completing 2-4 years at their home school. Most students will complete four years at the home school and go through “social” graduation, receiving a signed diploma upon completion of the Work Transition Program.

### Academic Classes:

#### *Employability Skills/Job Exploration:*

Concentration on job interests, expanding knowledge of occupations and career choices.

Examples include, but are not limited to: occupational vocabulary, job descriptions, application practice, development of job interests and setting realistic goals.

#### *Time/Money Skills:*

Emphasis on specific academic skills needed for successful community vocational placement and living skills. Examples include, but are not limited to: Reading work schedules, work time sheets, money management vocabulary, personal budgeting and bill paying, and checkbook/banking skills.

#### *Social Skills:*

Covering a wide variety of topics ranging from social interactions to community involvement.

Examples include, but are not limited to: interactions with co-workers and peers, self-awareness, eating at a public restaurant, internet safety, volunteering to help others and self-empowerment.

### Work Transition:

Students are transported to work training sites 3 days a week for approximately 2 hours each day. The teacher, paraprofessional and/or job trainer act as job coaches at each site. Work transition sites are designed to allow students to experience different types of jobs in the community to develop job interests. The students rotate into different work sites throughout the school year. Examples of job sites include, but are not limited to: fast food lobby crew, custodial duties, laundry, food service, office work, grocery stocking, animal care, and dishwasher.

### Living Skills:

Students are transported to the grocery store and an off-campus kitchen site to grocery shop and cook a meal. Meals are designed to be something that they will be able to cook independently, or with minimal assistance. Kitchen cleanliness is also practiced at this site.

### Community Events:

Work Transition visits community businesses to gain knowledge and awareness of community services. Examples include, but are not limited to: visiting the library monthly, touring a bank, volunteering at a nursing home, and attending Special Olympic events.

### Job Training and Employment Program:

Students will be referred to the Job Training and Employment Program to attain competitive employment through Four County Career Center, in the optional 3rd year.

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