

Students are about to begin working on a transition curriculum



The word transition refers to the changes that occur when students leave school and either start working or receive more education.

Transition periods can often be difficult, and this curriculum is designed to help students make their transitions smoothly.

What is the NEXT S.T.E.P. Curriculum?

A set of lessons that will help students plan for the future.

An approach that will help students *take charge* of developing a transition plan for leaving school and beginning to live as adults in the community.

Why should students learn how to do transition planning?

- One way or another, students will eventually leave school.
- If students *plan* for this transition, there is a better chance that everyone will be pleased with what happens.
- All students want to become more independent. This curriculum will help them learn how to begin taking charge of their own lives in a responsible way.



What exactly will students be learning?

- How to do self-evaluation of important skills that will make the transition go well.
- How to choose goals and activities in four important transition areas:
 - Personal Life
 - Education and Training
 - Jobs
 - Living On Your Own
- How to take charge of a personal transition planning meeting.
- How to follow through on choices and keep track of progress.

The teacher will. . .

- Send you letters or call you from time to time, letting you know what's going on.
- Give you some instructions on how to fill out your ratings on the Transition Skills Inventory.
- Let you know the time and place of the student's transition planning meeting, and invite you to attend.