Vocational Rehabilitation

Transition and Youth Career Services

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ABOUT

The Transition Services Program works with eligible secondary school students with disabilities to enable them to transition from school to subsequent work environments.

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) works cooperatively with the Mississippi Department of Education and

local school districts in planning and implementing a variety of programs designed to provide training and

assistance for students with disabilities to support them in making the difficult transition from school to

work.

SERVICES

Services are designed to be provided through collaboration between the local school and Vocational Rehabilitation, and can include assistance with transition planning, developing postsecondary goals, career exploration counseling, work-based learning experiences, instruction in self-advocacy, and more.

The services received are arranged for and provided based on individual needs, so the length of time it takes to prepare for employment is different for each student. Most services are provided at no cost to the

student or family. Payment for some services may be based on student and family income.

Transition Services are provided to students between the ages 14-21. Pre-Employment Transition Services are one of the first offered services to give students an early start at job exploration and are designed to help students with disabilities that are eligible or potentially eligible for VR services identify their career interests.

Once a student needs individualized VR services beyond Pre-ETS, the student should then apply for VR services. Individualized VR services are any services necessary to assist a student with a disability in preparing for, securing, advancing in, retaining, or regaining an employment outcome that is consistent with the strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice of the student. The ideal timeframe should be within their junior and/or senior year of high school.

Transition and Youth Career Services may consist of:

•Pre-Employment Transition Services

• Counseling and Guidance

• On-The-Job Training

• Supported Employment

• Job Skills Training

• Assistive Technology

• Work Adjustment Training

• College Training

• Vocational Training

• Technical Training

• Physical and Mental Restoration

• Referral to other agencies as needed

District I

51 County Road 166

Oxford, MS 38655

OVR: (662) 234-3171

OVRB: (662) 234-6092

District II

2620 Traceland Drive

Tupelo, MS 38803

OVR: (662) 842-1010

615-A Pegram Drive

Tupelo, MS 38801

OVRB: (662) 844-5830

District III

201 Highway 7 South

Greenwood, MS 38930

OVR: (662) 453-6172

OVRB: (662) 455-1432

District IV

317 Industrial Park Road

Starkville, MS 39760

OVR: (662) 323-9594

48 Datco Industrial Drive

Columbus, MS 39702

OVRB: (662) 328-8807

District V

3895 Beasley Road

Jackson, MS 39213

OVR: (601) 898-7004

2550 Peachtree Street

Jackson, MS 39296

OVRB: (601) 987-7403

District VI

1032 Center Pointe Blvd., Suite A

Pearl, MS 39208

OVR: (601) 709-5600

OVRB: (601) 709-5625

District VII

1003 College Drive

Meridian, MS 39304

OVR: (601) 483-3881

OVRB: (601) 483-5391

District VIII

1400-A Harrison Avenue

McComb, MS 39649

OVR: (601) 249-2498

OVRB: (601) 684-3392

District IX

17 JM Tatum Industrial Drive

Hattiesburg, MS 39401

OVR: (601) 545-5619

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District X

13486 Fastway Lane

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