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REHABILITATION SERVICES



Project SEARCH Mississippi is administered by the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services and is a joint partnership between MDRS, a business and a school district.

The Project SEARCH Program is a unique, business-led, nine-month employment preparation program that takes place entirely at the workplace. Up to 12 students with disabilities experience total workplace immersion, classroom instruction, career exploration, and hands-on training through three different worksite rotations. The goal for each participant is competitive employment. To reach that goal, the program provides real-life work experience combined with training in employability and independent-living skills to help young people with significant disabilities make successful transitions to productive adult life.



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WHY PARTICIPATE?

SCHOOLS

- Focuses on preparation for employment that meets IDEA 2004 and other disability related laws.
- Offers intense level of supervision from education, rehabilitation, and business.
- Provides career exploration for those students with little work experience.
- Promotes the skills acquisition of transferable and marketable skills leading to competitive employment.

STUDENTS

- Provides post-secondary training and internship experience at no cost to students or families.
- Works towards independence areas such as transportation, self-advocacy, health and wellness, financial literacy, etc.
- Provides opportunities to explore a variety of employment options through three internships.
- Provides opportunities to build job specific and employability skills.

BUSINESSES

- Provides an opportunity for businesses to influence education and agency policies to create a strong business/education partnership.
- Taps into a resource of employees to fill and retain entry-level positions.
- Creates a workforce that mirrors the general population. Over ten percent of the public are people with disabilities.
- Reduces employee turnover.
- Increases customer loyalty.

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