**VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**

School To Career Transition Services

# 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.

# WHEN TO APPLY

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.

# 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

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