

ACE Supported Employment

The Alternative Cooperative Education Supported Employment (ACE-SE) program prepares students for vocational education, integrated employment, and volunteerism. Students in the ACE-SE program are given intensive assistance and support in developing post-secondary vocational, workforce readiness skills to prepare them for successful employment after graduation.

Services provided to the student:

- Vocational exploration, assessment and training
- Interest inventory to determine interests and preferences
- Job coaching
- Student work site evaluations
- Social and communication skills training at the job site
- Implementation of accommodations/modifications necessary for success at the job site
- Transportation to and from work sites



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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Transition Program

...exploring independence



Poudre School District

For young adults with moderate to severe needs ages 19-21



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- **Students attend 3 days per week 8:45 a.m.—2:45 p.m.**
- **The remaining 2 days, students participate in ACE Supported Employment for a 1-2 hour vocational experience**

Community Connections is an optional community-based program for eligible students who have an IEP and have completed their high school requirements yet still have needs around transition. Community Connections facilitates successful transitions from the school system into adult community living through instruction and application of daily living skills in community-based settings.

Student learning is based on functional academics focusing heavily on daily living skills, community access, and vocational training. Transition skills include:

- accessing community resources
- experiencing (unpaid) employment and volunteer opportunities
- using community transportation and recreation
- learning and using social skills, independent living skills, and safety skills
- self-advocacy and self-determination skills.

Students are encouraged to experience a variety of community activities and learn to make informed choices about what they do and do not prefer. They will learn to communicate their choices, and how to plan their day based on their choices.



If your student. . .

- Is currently receiving services through the Integrated Services program at PSD with 4 or 5 semesters of eligibility remaining
- Has moderate to severe transition needs identified on their IEP (Individualized Education Plan)
- Is 19-21 years of age and has completed their required high school coursework
- Is interested in participating in a community-based program with a good attendance record

. . . they are eligible to apply to Community Connections!

Transition Services

Students learn and practice the following functional academic skills:

Community access such as using libraries, the post office, stores, etc.

Residential skills such as cooking, cleaning, laundry, etc.

Vocational skills through (unpaid) employment and volunteer opportunities

Money management by grocery shopping, budgeting, and comparing prices

Public transportation such as using the city bus system

Social skills and communication

Recreation and leisure such as using recreation facilities, participating in outdoor games, and enjoying local hangouts

Safety is a high priority and is emphasized at all stages of learning

