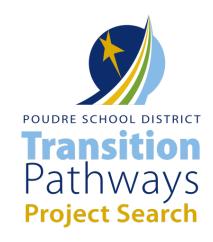
Mission Statement:

Project SEARCH is dedicated to providing education and training to young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through an innovative workforce and career development model that benefits the individual, workplace, and community. Our primary goal is to secure competitive employment outcomes for each for our student graduates.





Project SEARCH is a Poudre School
District program that collaborates
with Foothills Gateway, the Division of
Vocational Rehabilitation, and Columbine
Health Systems to provide transition-age
students with disabilities the necessary skills
to get paid jobs and become contributing
members of their community.

Poudre School District Project SEARCH

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What is Project SEARCH?

Project SEARCH is an innovative school-to-work transition program for students with significant intellectual or developmental disabilities. As a business-led collaboration, Project SEARCH enables young adults with disabilities to gain and maintain employment through career exploration and training. The program is dedicated to workforce development that benefits the individual, workplace and community.

With curriculum designed to augment skills needed to obtain and maintain employment, students participate in one hour of daily

classroom instruction along with three 15-week internships that provides technical and employability skills. All experiences occur within the community setting.





Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify, students must be finished with the academic portion of their education and be eligible to receive transistion services from Poudre School District.

Students must apply by submitting a Project SEARCH application. Students must apply and be eligible for Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Students must be able to be independent on the job site, once they understand work expectations, and have received coaching to get them independent with co-worker support.

Collaborating Partners:

Columbine Health Systems

Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Supported Employment Agency

Foothills Gateway, Inc.

Arc of Larimer County

Employer Benefits:

Pre-screened and qualified applicants

Lower training costs

Expanded customer loyalty and satisfaction through employment of persons with disabilities

Access to Employment Specialists: Resource for assistance in creating accommodations and job coaching.