

Successful School to School Transitions:

Entering Post-High School

- Educational emphasis is placed on facilitating the transition from high school to adult living in the community
- Your child's services may be provided by other professionals as assigned, under the direct supervision of the Case Manager (i.e. paraprofessionals, speech/language, occupational, and physical therapists)
- Speech, Occupational and/or Physical Therapy may be provided in a variety of settings
- Your child will have the opportunity to attend college and career nights offered by their high school
- Your child may access district vocational programs and opportunities, typically beginning in their Junior year
- Your child will have higher expectations, responsibilities, and independence, determined on an individual basis
- Your child will have increased organizational needs to manage routines, schedules, and materials
- Students may earn a diploma or graduate with a certificate of attendance, based on individual student need
 - After earning a diploma, students access community resources, not PSD, for support needs
 - Students earning a certificate of attendance or accessing PSD Post-High School Transition Programs can participate in Social Graduation with their peers
 - Students accessing PSD Post-High School Transition Programs work with the school registrar to earn their diploma or certificate of attendance upon completion of the Transition Program
- Your child may participate in a PSD Post-High School Transition Program(s)
- If your child is involved in a PSD Post-High School Transition Program, they will likely have a partial day schedule for 2-3 days per week
 - During the program, your child may be actively seeking or engaged in employment, internships, and/or volunteer options
 - Your child will complete vocational assessments to determine their strengths and interests
 - Your child may have increased life skills opportunities to access the community (for example, grocery stores, leisure activities, community safety awareness)
- Transportation may be provided for access to some Post-High School Transition Programs on an individual basis
- As your child transitions from PSD to the community, they may be looking at community transportation options, possibly including public transportation
- College and Community College Resource Centers can support students, but as a college student, individuals are responsible for advocating for their needs and requesting services
- Your child may explore Social Security, in addition to accessing community resources
- In some instances, guardianship may be considered as your child approaches age 18

We are excited to partner with you on your child's educational journey! These are just a few things to consider as you prepare to support your child as they move on to a new school. This list is not intended to be all inclusive, as each student's experience can be unique based on their individual needs. If you have input or suggestions regarding this document, please contact the Integrated Services Parent Liaison at (970) 490-3225.

