

Vista Unified School District Adult Transition Program

(for 18-22 year old students with learning disabilities)

Transition Teacher: Shawn Johnson Transition Assistant: Reta Crowder

This program is designed to educate adults with learning disabilities, transitioning from Vista Unified High School SDC and ICSM programs, towards functional independence in the areas of employment, community experience, independent living, and education.

In each of these functional domains, the *transition staff* facilitates students in the following activities:

- 1. Employment:** Students gain work experience through WorkAbility job placement (as individualized as possible for potential hire) and learn independence in reporting to work on time, dressing appropriately, completing job tasks, reporting absences to employer, completing timesheets and turning them in to payroll. Students learn employability skills (resume writing, interviewing skills, job applications, social skills).
- 2. Community Experience:** Students access and use public transportation to safely and independently get to school, work and home. Students learn to read schedules and plan trips in order to explore various destinations in N. County San Diego. Introduced to resources available to them in their local community (e.g. reading tutors @ Vista Library). Students get to participate in community service activities (e.g. Meals with Love).
- 3. Independent Living:** Students earn paychecks from WorkAbility job placement, open bank accounts, budget their own money and use it to pay for school needs (classes, bus passes, and meals). Participate in classroom Life Skills instruction, to improve social skills and problem solving strategies for success in adult living.
- 4. Education:** Students learn to go through the process of enrolling in classes offered at Palomar College (San Marcos or Escondido Extension Campus) for personal enrichment, according to their developmental/academic level (noted in I.E.P.), and as determined by their DSPS counselor. As students become familiar with this process, it is hoped that they will continue to access services and classes throughout their adult life.

It is the primary goal of this program that our students will become independent enough to transition out to part- or full-time employment at or before age 22.

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Vista Unified School District College Transition Program

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Classroom Location:

Vista Magnet School Campus (at corner of Escondido Ave. and Eucalyptus)

Room 700-direct access from the street (walk down ramp to the classroom)

***No need to go through the office. We are not associated with this campus.**

Class Hours:

School begins @ 7:15 and ends @ 1:15 (a portion of the school day may include independent access to public transportation to and from school).

We meet at the Vista Magnet classroom from 7:15-8:30 am daily in order to address schedules and life skills curriculum. After that, we are community based. Monday – Thursday, half of the students go to job sites while the other half goes to Mira Costa College. Fridays we are all together traveling to various destinations in the community.

