

TRANSITION SERVICES

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A student's transition plan becomes a part of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process beginning at age 14 or younger, if appropriate. Transition planning is a process that may include any of the following:

- Identifying the student's post-high school goals
- Assessing the student's interests and abilities in relation to identified goals
- Determining courses, experiences, and programs that will prepare the student to reach his/her goals
- Supporting the student in transition-related activities
- Determining the student's anticipated adult service needs
- Linking the student and parent with potential adult services

TRANSITION PLANNING GUIDE: Preparing Children with Disabilities to Move From School to Appropriate Postsecondary Outcomes

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LkX5SzSFxFo_E5aooYieVla75oZwSKM2/view

ARE YOU READY?

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transitionsvcs/publications/Are%20You%20Ready%202012-3%20English.pdf>

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT TRANSITION SERVICES AND GRADUATION (including Diploma versus Certificate)

https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transitionsvcs/publications/0000%2013_TransSvcsGradBooklet.pdf

WORKSOURCE MONTGOMERY

<https://worksourcemontgomery.com/youth-opportunities/where-to-begin/>; 301-929-6880

Montgomery County's Young Adult Opportunity Program team will guide you on your path to independence and self-sufficiency by helping you develop your educational and employment goals. A great way to start exploring career options is by assessing your strengths and interests. Worksource Montgomery counselors will assist students through the process and help students understand which job skills are necessary to land the position they want.

In addition to career coaching and counseling, they provide job readiness training, which can make you more valuable to your new boss, including volunteer work, internships — unpaid and paid — which can all lead to employment.

ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO POSTSECONDARY

College/Career Information and Links Specifically for Students with Special Needs:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/resources/specialneeds.aspx>

9th, 10th, and 11th Grade Students

- Participate in annual IEP meetings, practice self-advocacy, including use of accommodations
- Make an appointment to meet with your guidance counselor to review academic progress and plan for *each year* through graduation:
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rmhs/guidance/>
- Continue volunteering to earn Student Service Learning hours:
<http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/>
- Consider career and technology course offerings at the Thomas Edison High School of Technology. Students/Parents visit or attend an Open House):
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/edison/>
- Prepare for College Entrance Tests* (PSAT, SAT or ACT):
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rmhs/careercenter/testprep.aspx>
- Testing dates (PSAT, SAT, ACT, Accuplacer or ASVAB)
[https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rmhs/careercenter/actsat%20dates\(1\).pdf](https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rmhs/careercenter/actsat%20dates(1).pdf)
- Register for College Entrance Testing:
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/resources/ctbulletin.aspx?id=65498#4>
- Preparing for the ASVAB which is administered for free to interested tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students with parental consent: (<http://www.asvabprogram.com/>)

*If student plans to request accommodations, they should plan to do so **well in advance of the testing dates**

SATs: <http://professionals.collegeboard.com/testing/ssd?affiliateId=rdr&bannerId=ssd>

ACTs: <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/disab/>

12th Grade Students

- Prepare for Postsecondary Education
 - Visit colleges, consider what disability support services might be necessary, complete and submit college applications. Start with using your Naviance account:
<https://student.naviance.com/rmhs> or by visiting the career center:
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rmhs/careercenter/>
 - or Register for technical colleges; and/or
 - visit with military recruiters to discuss military careers:
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/planning/career/militarycareers.aspx>
- Complete SSL hours: <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/>
- Complete graduation requirements:
<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/graduation-requirements.aspx>
- Pay graduation fees & keep up with events for SENIORS (class of 2019):
<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rmhs/students/Classof2019.aspx>

STATE, FEDERAL & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Listed below are agencies and resources available in the state of Maryland and those that are commonly used for transition planning.

- Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS): The Department of Rehabilitation Services provides short term funding to programs for individuals with disabilities found eligible to meet employment and independence goals. Provision of services is based on funding availability. Call 301-949-3750.
- Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA): The Developmental Disabilities Administration provides long term funding for individuals eligible for adult day, residential, or support services for individuals with developmental disabilities to work and live as independently as possible in the community. Eligibility is based on priority, availability of needed services and funding, and acceptance by the agency of the client's application. Call 301-362-5100.
- Mental Hygiene Administration (MHA): The Mental Hygiene Administration provides services through the Public Mental Health System. Individuals and families must meet eligibility criteria. Call 1-800-888-1965.
- Social Security: The Social Security website provides comprehensive information on federally funded disability benefits programs. Call 1-800-772-1213.
- Maryland Interagency Transition Council: The Council provides a collection of resources for transitioning youth with disabilities, parents, and professionals.
- Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE): The Maryland State Department of Education website provides information and resources for parents, students, and educators.
- Maryland Parents' Place: The Parents' Place of Maryland is a non-profit family-centered organization that provides information about workshops and services, publications, and resources to enhance the lives of persons with disabilities.