

Special Education Committee

January 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Topic: Transitions

Speaker: Diane Flood – Transitions Team

General Transitions meeting happens at age 14 but the team can be contacted and meet at any age.

Transitions assesses students for:

- Social Skills
- Interests and Abilities
- Self Advocacy
- Independent Living
- Work Based Learning Experience and Job Coaching
- Linking Students to Community and Adult Service Agencies

The Transitions Process Planning Meeting consists of an interview with the student, family, and others to assess the student's goals and help make the student decide what they want to do in the future. The meeting helps the student and their family look ahead to life after school.

All students on diploma track must complete at least 75 hours of Student Service Learning (SSL) hours.

Students on a certificate track with IEPs may have this number cut down depending on the abilities of the student.

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The transitions Team is here to help students and families realize what a student will need on their worst day away from home and family. Then they help to refer to services to help that student be prepared for that situation.

Services that a student may be referred and the age appropriate for referral to include:

MSDE Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) – age 14 and 9th grade.

Maryland Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) – Any age.

Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) and Cornerstone Montgomery – Junior year in High School.

Maryland Department of Labor - Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning (MDL) – Senior year in High School.

Transitions runs a series of meetings each year to go over various topics to help parents through TIPS. Each meeting is held each year and can be attended at any time during the student's career.

Transition Information for Parents & Students (TIPS)

- Adult Services (October 26, 2022)
- College Night (December 8, 2022)
- Guardianship & Supported Decision Making (February 9, 2023)
- Financial Planning (February 7, 2023)
- DORS Night (April 26, 2023)
- Virtual Adult Provider Visits (October & November)
- Employment Readiness (March 15, 22, 29, 2023)
- Transitioning Youth 24 Night (May)
- Transitioning Youth 23 Night (June)

There are many alternative or elective programs throughout MCPS including Seneca Valley and Edison schools who specialize in alternative programs.

Programs may include:

Cosmetology

Construction

Engineering

Culinary

Fire and Rescue

Medical

There are also additional programs in the community that students may apply for including work and education programs.