

Bridges is a secondary special education program designed for students with educational disabilities and transition needs between the ages of 18 and 21 in post-secondary education and training, employment, and independent living. The program offers a functional and vocational curriculum focusing on skills acquisition to promote increased independence in the community and a successful transition from high school to adult life. We strive to provide experiences and learning that will provide the foundation for students to have meaningful and fulfilling adult lives as individuals, family members, employees, and citizens.

The work program provides a variety of vocational experiences to meet the needs and ability levels of all students. Students may start at an Anoka Hennepin work site or an unpaid community work site supported by a job coach. While at these sites, students will learn new job skills and appropriate work behavior. While volunteering, our students increase their self-confidence, and when they are doing good for the community, it provides them with a sense of accomplishment and pride. When students have the necessary ability and work ethic to meet the requirements at a job site, community employment opportunities will be sought.