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→ **DPS 18-21  
Transition Program**



## 18-21 Transition Program

***The DPS 18-21 year old transition program offers a continuum of support for students to access post-secondary education, employment, and independent living options after completing credits required for graduation.***

***Students receive individualized assessment and services to identify the steps needed to prepare for life after high school. Teachers and coaches support students to develop the skills needed for success.***



### Service Options:

- **Work Readiness:** Job search skills, on the job support and coaching
- **Post Secondary Education Readiness:** College transition instruction and support
- **Adult Literacy Instruction:** Reading, writing and math instruction for those needing to improve skills for post-secondary education or work
- **Adult Independent Living Instruction:** Skill building for independent use of public transportation, community resources and higher level adult living.
- **Career Connect:** Intensive Internship Program for students ready to fast track into employment (DVR clients only)

### Program Criteria

- 18-21 years of age
- Completed credits needed to earn a diploma; willing to defer acceptance of diploma until program is completed
- Willing to work; has clear career interests
- Able to be unsupervised in the community
- Able to follow a schedule; good attendance

### STAR

The STAR (Students Transitioning to Adult Resources) Program serves students with more significant support needs. Most STAR students receive instruction to develop work readiness skills needed for sustainable engagement in the community. STAR prepares students for adult life through independent living and community access instruction. STAR students may participate in the program for up to 3 years.

### Step Up!

Students in Step Up typically require up to 3 semesters of instruction and coaching, are able to use public transportation independently and are motivated to work. Step Up is designed to support students with mild to moderate disabilities to prepare for competitive employment, post-secondary education and adult independent living.

### Program Structure

Each student receives up to 10 hours per week of direct staff support and additional independent activities according to his/her individual needs. Sample schedules are available.