SFUSD Special Education Transition Options (18-22 year old students)

SFUSD is excited to announce the development of additional transition options beyond the existing Community Access & Transition (CAT). Students who are either applying for or are currently enrolled in a CAT class are eligible to apply.

Community Access

Instructional focus will include independent living, self-advocacy, relevant functional academic and vocational skills, independent travel, and social and recreational goals. The majority of instructional time will be spent in the community. A small portion of each day will include focused on-site instruction directly connected to community activities. Examples of program activities: independent travel, money management, budgeting, banking, paying for purchases, self-care, health and nutrition, pragmatic communication and social skills, organizational skills, and functional employment skills e.g. resume writing, completing job applications. When appropriate, this may also include internships, support in finding employment, and support for further academic learning, classes and activities at various adult education venues.

Continued Academics

The instructional focus will be on strengthening the academic skills of students interested in pursuing academic, competitive employment and/or similar post secondary opportunities (college or adult education). Students will receive intensive academic instruction particularly in the areas of reading and writing. Students will also receive instruction in life skills, self-advocacy, independent travel and functional employment skills. A portion of daily instruction will occur within the community and may support students who work in internships with a goal of employment following the completion of school.
Project SEARCH

Project SEARCH is a unique, one-year business-led transition program for students with disabilities. This is for students who will benefit from career exploration, and whose main goal is employment. This internship opportunity at Kaiser Permanente is open to students 18 years or older who meet specific eligibility requirements and successfully complete application and interview process with Kaiser. Students learn employability and job skills while participating in a variety of worksite rotations that build skills toward competitive employment. Individualized job development and placement occurs based on the student experiences, strengths, and skills. Students are given support with accommodations, adaptations and on-the-job coaching.

Placement Process for Transition Placement

Parent choice, input from teachers, student learning goals and support needs will now be considered when placing students who are applying for Transition Services. All students who apply for a transition program must fill out an enrollment application. Applications are available at all SFUSD schools, the Educational Placement Center, the Special Education web site at www.sfusd.edu