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Transition into your Future

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**West Virginia
Division of Rehabilitation Services**

Transition –

is defined as a change or shift from one state, subject or place to another.

West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)

DRS is the state's primary vocational rehabilitation resource for students, ages 14 and up, who meet certain eligibility criteria.

DRS – the path to your future!

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What is Transition Planning?

For students, transition is the term for the “bridge” between high school and adult life. Transition planning is the process of preparing for life after high school. DRS can help you make informed choices during your transition and assist you with future career plans.

Are you eligible for transition services?

Students, ages 14 and up, who have limitations and need assistance with learning, seeing, hearing, communicating, coping with stress or participating in physical activities may be eligible for transition services from DRS.

What are Transition Services?

Transition services help students with disabilities move from high school to employment, postsecondary education or specialized training. The services provided vary depending upon individual needs and may include:

- Career exploration and assessments
- Career guidance and counseling
- On-the-job training, internships, apprenticeships and other work experiences
- College or vocational training
- Tutoring
- Résumé development
- Job search and placement assistance
- Job coaching
- Assistive technology
- Other services as needed



DRS can provide transition services to help students with disabilities:

- prepare for a career and
- become more independent.

Planning for your Future

To begin planning for your future, you and your DRS counselor will work together to explore different jobs and careers that best match your strengths, abilities and interests. You will be given necessary information and options so that you can make informed choices to jointly develop a plan for employment.

Your DRS counselor will continue to provide support and services as you move through the transition process to become successfully employed.

**Helping today's students with disabilities
prepare for tomorrow's careers!**



Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)

DRS also provides pre-employment transition services to students with disabilities, ages 14-21.

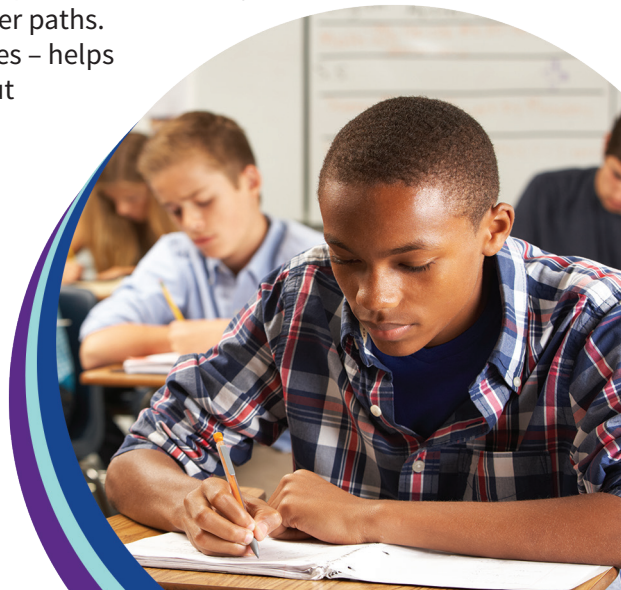
What are Pre-ETS?

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law in 2014. WIOA requires vocational rehabilitation agencies, like DRS, to provide Pre-ETS to support students with disabilities.

Pre-ETS are activities that provide an early start at job exploration for students with disabilities to assist with transitioning from school to postsecondary education or employment.

The broad Pre-ETS categories required by WIOA are:

- Job exploration counseling – helps students identify potential occupations and career paths.
- Work-based learning experiences – helps students gain information about occupations in the workplace.
- Postsecondary education counseling – helps students understand postsecondary options and plan training.
- Workplace readiness training – helps students develop social and independent living skills.
- Self-advocacy instruction – enables students to learn how to represent themselves, their views or their interests.



Examples of Pre-Employment Transition Services

Plan your path to success!

Job exploration

interest assessments

job market counseling

career path planning

job shadowing

workplace tours

internships

Work-based learning

Postsecondary education counseling

college tours

admissions counseling

disability support

job-seeking skills

work adjustment

soft skills training

Workplace readiness

Self-advocacy

disability disclosure

requesting accommodations

benefits counseling

Reach your goals!

How can I access Pre-ETS?

DRS can provide Pre-ETS to students with a disability, ages 14-21, who are eligible or are potentially eligible for services, like those who already have an IEP or a 504 plan. Students interested in participating in Pre-ETS should talk with school staff or contact DRS directly about getting started.

Pre-ETS can help you:

- Identify strengths, abilities and capabilities for work and adult living.
- Set goals for work and adult living.
- Learn habits, attitudes and behaviors for work and skills for adult living.
- Participate in job exploration activities and community work experiences.
- Explore postsecondary training options.

Pathways to the Future

PathwaysWV.org is an online Pre-ETS resource that provides tools to help students with disabilities through the journey from youth to adulthood.



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