

Student Transition Employment Program (STEP)

Wood County Special Education SSA believes that all persons, regardless of their level of disability, can and should live and work in the community with dignity, choice and self-determination.

Developed in response to the youth employment rate for individuals with disabilities, the School Transition Employment Program (STEP) is a job training/transition program for high school students with special needs. STEP provides students with transferable vocational education and relevant social skill development as part of their Individualized Education Program (IEP), improving future opportunities for competitive employment and/or post-secondary education. STEP will provide students with real world, hands-on training through a unique opportunity to explore a number of different career paths. Programs are customized to fit the needs and preferences of those participating.

STEP's highly trained employment specialists and job coaches work side-by-side with junior and senior year high school students, their families, and their Individual Education Plan team to assess the student's strengths, preferences, and interests. Using these assessments, STEP develops opportunities for students at local job sites from our network of participating businesses.

WCSESSA is excited to provide this opportunity to its students and have this amazing service offered to all Wood County Coop School Districts.



STEP can help you: build self-esteem, learn teamwork, gain communication and leadership skills, prepare for employment success, and achieve independence.

Employment Transaction Services

are for students ages 16-22 with an Individual Education Plan (IEP), and include the following individual or group activities:

- Job exploration counseling
- Work-based learning experiences
- Counseling on post-secondary education
- Workplace readiness training
- Instruction in self-advocacy
- Vocational adjustment training
- Personal and social adjustment training
- Work experience placement
- Job skills training
- Payroll training
- Employee development
- Job coaching

Call 903-763-2253 for more information, ask for the transition coordinator OR talk to your special education teacher for an enrollment packet.