

TRANSITION SERVICES

What is Transition?

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines transition as the passage from one stage or place to another. For all children, transition occurs from preschool to elementary school, elementary school to middle school, middle school to high school, and high school to adulthood. For students with disabilities, each stage in transition requires thoughtful planning to ensure students with disabilities are able to transition from one level to the next smoothly. Research has shown that post-school outcomes

for students with disabilities improve when students, families, educators, organizations, and community members collaborate to plan and implement transition-focused education that prepares students for postsecondary success.

Even though, State Board Policy 7219 requires transition services to begin at age 14, or younger if determined appropriate by the IEP Committee, transition for all students begins much earlier.

Transition Principles:

- Enhance individual achievement
- Encourage self-advocacy
- Build community partnerships
- Facilitate student movement from school to post-school activities



Local Transition Resources

- **Attala County Health Department**
662.289.2351
- **Attala County Department of Human Services**
662.289.4881
- **Hudspeth Programs** - to be eligible for any services through Hudspeth (skilled workshop, group home, home, and community-based waiver services, etc.), the individual must apply for a diagnostic evaluation.
 - Diagnostic Services
Kristen Merritte
601.664.6132
 - Kosciusko Group Home
662.289.4735
 - Attala Industries Skilled Workshop
Ed Brunt, Director
662.289.3825
- **Mental Health**
Life Help 662.289.4735
- **Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services Ability Works**
662.289.5472 or 662.289.1089
- **Mississippi Division of Medicaid**
Working Disabled Program
662.289.4477
- **Mississippi Employment Security Commission Employment Service**
662.289.2621
- **Social Security Administration**
662.289.4911

Who do I contact?

Lindsay Dickerson coordinates transition services for students with disabilities.

Mrs. Dickerson assists with post-school paperwork, post-secondary outcomes, Mississippi Occupational Diploma Portfolios, and serves as a liaison for the community and the school.

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