

## To Participate in STEP

Students can be referred to STEP by the student, parent/guardian, or a teacher.

### Needed to Determine Eligibility for the STEP Program:

- The student & parent/guardian need to sign a Consent for Services Form to begin application.
- As a federal program, the student's Social Security Number is required.
- If the student has a disability that is due to a medical or mental health diagnosis, a Release of Information to the provider is needed so detailed information on the disability can be obtained.
- An Individual Plan of Employment will be prepared every year in order to update the Student's interest in a current or future job.

### Who Is Eligible?

- ◆ Students with a documented disability (Does not have to have an IEP)
- ◆ Students near or at employment age and those in transition
- ◆ Students interested in being employed or being trained for employment.

### How Do I Apply?

Your school can help you apply. Contact your Teacher or reach us at:

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## STEP



## SECONDARY TRANSITIONAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM



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## PARENTS

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

What type of employment skills do you want your child to learn?

- Would you like your child to learn various job skills while still in high school?
- Do you want your child to explore many options before making a career decision?

### **TRANSITION:**

What are you doing to help prepare your child for life AFTER graduation?

- Will your child be ready to live independently after graduation?
- Do you know what your child wants and needs for their future?
- What type of assistance would your child need to successfully transition from high school to further education, job training or work?
- What type of career do you foresee for your child?
- Do you need assistance in connecting to adult service agencies?

## What is STEP?

- A partnership that involves the local school districts and the Illinois Department of Human Services— Division of Rehabilitation Services
- A school work experience program
- Job readiness skills
- Self Advocacy skills
- Job Exploration
- Job support with job coaches if necessary
- Credit towards graduation
- Transition Services after high school

The STEP program provides students with an opportunity to work outside of the school and earn money, high school credit, and valuable work experience. From the program, students learn work ethics, career choice, and work strengths in the world of work. In addition, parents can learn the options available for their child after graduation.

## STUDENTS

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

Do you want to learn skills that will lead you to a valuable employment?

- What are your current job related interests?
- How are your job seeking skills?
- Would you like to explore several different types of employment before choosing a career?

### **TRANSITION:**

What are your plans AFTER graduation?

- **WORK:**  
*Grocery store, factory, restaurant, retail?*
- **LIVING ARRANGEMENTS:**  
*With parents, own apartment, with friends, group home?*
- **TRANSPORTATION:**  
*Own a car, use public transportation?*
- **FURTHER EDUCATION OR TRAINING:**  
*College, technical school, apprenticeship, vocational training?*

Take the first STEP to transition into the Community through the Secondary Transitional Experience Program