

FREEDOM AREA HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM

Transition is the process of preparing students for life after they leave high school, including participation in post-secondary education or training, employment, and community living. Freedom Area High School is dedicated to the development of an effective Transition Program to prepare our young people for productive and satisfying adult lives in the competitive global marketplace. The Freedom Area High School's Transition Program is designed to assist "ALL" students to be successful in their academic and career paths. The Transition Program is based on individual student's needs, taking into account each student's strengths, preferences, and interests. Services/Programs offered to assist students to identifying their goals and strengths through the Transition Program include, but are not limited to:

- Focusing on improving academic and functional achievement to support post-school goals
- Interagency support
- Job Shadowing
- Career education
- Vocational Experiences (Paid or unpaid)
- Post-secondary exploration
- Community awareness and education (i.e., exploring housing opportunities, how to access SSI card and/or birth certificate, etc)
- Community Based Programs
- School to Work Program
- Life Skills (i.e., work ethics, interview skills, resume writing)
- Dual Enrollment
- College in the High School Courses for Juniors and Seniors (CiHS)
- Alternative Education Programs
- Study Skills class
- Life Skills Class (PAES Program – Practical Assessment Exploration System)
- Beaver County Career and Technology Center Programs
- Apprenticeships
- Internships

The Transition Team members include:

- Administration
- Transition Coordinator
- Guidance Counselor
- Special Education Teachers
- Beaver County Intermediate Unit Consultant
- Gifted Coordinator
- Student Assistance Coordinator
- Beaver County Career and Technology Center Liaison
- Regular Education Teachers

The Transition Team is committed to meeting the diverse needs of our student population; therefore, connecting our students with appropriate programs is fundamentally our goal in ensuring success. Before a student is placed in an appropriate program, a series of assessments are administered to the students to identify what placement is most beneficial.

In addition, to the Freedom Transition team, we use the services of local educational and service agencies. These outside agencies can include:

- The Beaver County Intermediate Unit
- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)
- Career Links
- Beaver County Job Training
- Beaver County Rehabilitation Center (BCRC)/Basswood Initiatives
- Local universities
- Local businesses and employers
- Beaver County Career and Technology Center (CTC)
- Achieva
- Aurora
- Bender Youth Leadership Program

If you have any questions regarding the Freedom Area High School Transition Program, please contact Ms. Rita Kaplin at the high school at 724-775-7400 ext. 542. Or any of the Learning Support teachers at extensions 557, 564 and/or 565.