

Transition SERVICES



WHAT IS TRANSITION?

The 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 the 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



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INFO Lindsay Dickerson and Kelly Quick
coordinate transition services for
students with disabilities

They assist with post-school
paperwork, post-secondary
outcomes, Mississippi Alternative
Diploma, and services as a liaison
for the community and the school.

LOCAL TRANSITION RESOURCES

**Attala County Health
Department**
662.289.2351

Mental Health
Life Help 662.289.4735

**Attala County Department
of Human Services**
662.289.4881

**MS Dept. of Rehabilitation
Services-Ability Works**
662.289.5472 or 662.289-1089

Hudspeth Programs
to be eligible for any services through
Hudspeth (skilled workshop, group
homes, home, and community-based
waiver services, etc.), the individual
must apply for a diagnostic evaluation.

MS Division of Medicaid
Working Disabled Program
662-289-4477

Diagnostic Services

Kristen Merritte
601-664.6132

Kosciusko Group Home
662-289-4735

**MS Employment
Security Commission
Employment Services**
662.289.2621

Social Security Administration
662.289-4911