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**Jefferson Twp.
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STEP Program

**Student Transition
and Educational
Placement**

**Jefferson Twp.
High School**



What is **STEP**?

The Jefferson Twp High School STEP program is geared towards our 18-21 year old students and has been designed to provide students with the support and skills necessary to be successful after completing all credits required for graduation. Students will have the opportunity to continue to develop an awareness of postsecondary education/training options, employment options, independent living skills, social integration, self-advocacy skills, self determination, leisure and recreation.

The knowledge and skills developed in the school environment will be implemented in the community with the support of our valued local businesses.

Students receive individualized assessment and services to identify the steps needed to prepare for life after high school. The Transition Coordinator, teachers, and job coaches support students to develop the skills needed for **STEP**.

Skills for STEP:

- **Participate in Community Based Instruction (CBI):** Educational instruction in naturally occurring community environments providing students with “real life experiences”.
- **Participate in Work Based Learning Experiences (WBL):** Workplace readiness skills, job search skills, on-site job support and coaching
- **Post-Secondary Education Options:** College Programs, Day-Programs, Supported Employment, Trade School, etc. transition instruction and support
- **Independent and Daily Living Skills**

Program Criteria and Expectations:

- 18-21 years of age
- Completed credits needed to earn a diploma; willing to defer acceptance of diploma until completion of program
- Willingness and ability to work
- Able to follow a schedule; good attendance
- Work towards transition goals

WORK BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCE (WBL)

On the Job Training:

With the support and valued members of our community, our students have the opportunity to have real life, hands-on work experiences in local businesses. Our students are provided with a wonderful opportunity to work as volunteer/student interns in their community. The goal is to assist students in becoming productive, independent adults, with the guidance and support of a trained job coach. Jefferson Twp. School District also provides insurance for all WBL job sites.

Over 20 Valued Business Participants!

- Shoprite
- The Home Depot
- Randolph YMCA
- Habitat for Humanity
- AG Choice Recycling
- Olive Garden
- AMC
- TapHouse 15
- Walgreens
- New Hope Thrift Shop
- Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD)
- 11th Hour Rescue
- and many more!!