

NDSEC Mission Statement

NDSEC is devoted to the promotion of students' skills that will enable them to become life-long learners, confident and contributing members of an accepting society.

Transition Learning Center Mission Statement

The Transition Program is committed to the development and enhancement of independent living skills of students as they transition from school to adult life.

NDSEC STUDENT PROGRAMS

Academic Life Skills Program

Elementary
Middle School
High School
Transition

Social Skills Program

Elementary
Middle School

Lincoln Academy

Primary/Intermediate
Junior High School
High School

NDSEC

**North DuPage
Special Education
Cooperative**

**Transition
Learning Center**

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The Transition Program

The Transition Program serves students with moderate to severe disabilities who are between the ages of 18-22 years old (after completing 4 years of high school) as they prepare to be contributing members of a community. Independence and life skills are the primary objectives of this program.

We have a commitment to provide a positive learning environment which promotes a cooperative instructional partnership among family, school and community.



CURRICULUM

Instruction

- Reading / Language Arts
- Applied Math
- Money Management/Budget
- Personal Management and Schedules
- Post Secondary Education (College of DuPage)

Community

- Grocery/Retail Shopping
- Accessing/Utilizing Community Resources
- Accessing Transportation
- Personal Safety
- Recreational Programs

Independent/Adult Living

- Meal Planning/Preparation/Nutrition
- Personal Care
- Social Skills/Interpersonal Behavior/Personal Responsibility and Decision Making
- Domestic/Housekeeping Skills
- Kitchen/Home Safety

Vocational/Employment

- Skill/Interest Assessments
- Career/Job Exploration
- Job Development/Placement
- Community Vocational Training
- STEP—Secondary Transitional Experience Program

TRANSITION AND INTERAGENCY COORDINATION

- Dept. of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
- Social Security
- NEDSRA—Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association
- WDSRA—Western DuPage Special Recreation Association
- Adult Vocational/Residential Agencies
- DuPage Center for Independent Living
- Medicare/Medicaid
- PACT, Inc. — Case Coordination Agency for DuPage County
- Transition Planning Committee
- Illinois Life Span
- Transition Outreach Specialists

