

Mt. Pleasant Blythedale UFSD

Transition Protocol

This transition protocol provides a timeline for students to follow in regards to the transition planning process. As per district guidance plan, all students engage in a variety of transition activities designed to facilitate their return to their communities.

Age 5-11:

- Participate in hospital coordination meetings
- Work with parents to identify appropriate community placement by visiting schools
- Provide small group and individual counseling to help students and families to prepare for transition back to the community.

Age 12:

- Participate in hospital coordination meetings
- MPB will conduct a Level 1 Vocational Assessment as required by New York State law.
- Student learns about high school options and courses.

Age 14-16:

- Participate in hospital coordination meetings
- Transition planning becomes a focus of the IEP, and transition must be discussed at all annual IEP meetings.
- Student attends all IEP meetings where transition is discussed
- Student learns about the different kinds of high school diplomas and their requirements
- Parents and students begin to explore adult services.
- Student continues to work on self-advocacy skills, learning to describe their disability and accommodations needed.
- Student's strengths, talents, and abilities should be identified.

Age 16-18:

- Participate in hospital coordination meetings
- Continue vocational exploration of interests, aptitudes and abilities.
- Parents and students work with schools, agencies, and community programs to investigate post school options.
- Apply to agencies such as ACCES- VR (VESID), OMRDD, OMH, CBVH as appropriate
- Parents and students discuss where the student will live; at home, independently, or in a supported environment
- Review school file to see if any further testing is needed.
- Students can begin to investigate work experiences, volunteer or paid.
- Encourage student to participate in school and community clubs.
- Students applying to college find out how to get accommodations in college.

Age 18 and Beyond:

- Participate in hospital coordination meetings
- Male students register for the draft at age 18
- Parents apply for guardianship, if appropriate
- Students register to vote at age 18.
- Students apply for adult SSI, SSDI, and Medicaid at age 18