

Texas Workforce Solutions

VOCATIONAL SERVICES SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM



Does your student have plans for life after high school graduation?

Do you know where to find resources to fund these plans?

Do you know which jobs and careers match your student's skills, abilities, and interest?

If you answered, "no" to any of these questions, The Division for Rehabilitation Services (formerly TRC) has a program for your student.

The Division for Rehabilitation Services (DRS) is a state funded program designed to assist eligible high school students with developing plans for life and work after graduation.

Students who receive support services and accommodations may be eligible for this program.

DRS has funds for a variety of services (see right) that can help your student become gainfully employed.

Unlike other financial aid programs, there are no minimum grade point average requirements, essays to write, or monies to pay back.

Please do not miss out on your student's opportunity to apply for the program.

Contact your high school special education department to arrange an appointment for your student.

***Avoid the end of deadline rush, and apply now!**

POSSIBLE SERVICES

- Vocational Guidance and Planning
- Job Placement
- Job Training
- Financial Assistance for Post Secondary Education
- Drivers Training
- Resume Development
- Assistive Technology
- Medical Services
- Medical Equipment
- Counseling Services
- Vehicle Modifications

★ TOO EASY TO PASS UP.....

The application process is simple. Transition counselors are available at your student's school almost weekly.

- If the student is 18, parents do not have to be present to apply.
- The application process generally takes less than one hour to complete.

- Parents and students can communicate with the transition counselor at the school, at the office, in the community, on the telephone, and via email.
- Students who apply and are made eligible, will have their transition plan completed by the time they graduate.

- Some services can begin while the student is still in high school.
- Services and support continue after graduation, until the student is gainfully employed.
- Students who receive SSI are presumed eligible.

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Dear Parent/Student,

The Texas Workforce Solutions Vocational Rehabilitation Services is a State agency that's designed to help people with disabilities maximize their independence through employment. This is not an entitlement program, but rather an eligibility program that is based on the following criteria:

- have a mental or physical impairment,
- have a substantial impediment to employment,
- require VR services to obtain or retain employment,
- capable of achieving an employment outcome.

The first step to determine whether you (your child) is eligible for this program is for me to take an application on your child. This consists of gathering information about the disability, medical treatment, school performance, work history, social/behavior issues, and employment goals.

Once this information is gathered, diagnostics are often the next step. I may order diagnostics to be completed on you (your child) if further clarification will be needed for disability issues or if existing records are outdated. After diagnostics are gathered, eligibility can be determined.

If you (your child) are determined eligible, the planning process begins. This consists of career exploration, as well as, exploring possible services through our agency. All services are individually geared toward each consumer and their own specific disability needs. When an achievable employment goal is selected and the consumer begins working toward that goal, our agency will stay with them to provide counseling and guidance, as well as continued services, as needed. Once the individual is employed in his/her selected field, their progress will still be monitored through our agency until at least 90 days of successful employment has passed or until all services are completed and you (your child) are secure in the job.

Should you have any questions regarding services, feel free to contact me.

Regards,

Stacey Dawson M.A.

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Dear Student/Parent,

The Texas Workforce Solution Vocational Rehabilitation Services is an agency that helps individuals with disabilities (1) prepare for a job (2) become more independent (3) attend training. If you are interested in applying for these services you may contact your VR counselor at the above number or via email to schedule an appointment.

Please bring the following items when you apply for vocational rehabilitation services:

Mandatory information needed are:

- **Your state identification card or school identification badge**
- **Social security card**
- **Proof of income in the household- 2 recent check stubs, aware letter or income tax statement.**
- **Proof of medical coverage- insurance card or Medicaid card**
- **Proof of your disability-medical records, school records**
- **Provide a list of all medication taken daily**
- **Three references – their full name, address and contact information**


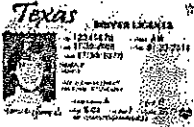





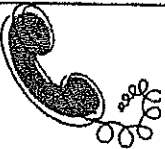

Thank you,
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Appointment Reminder

CHECK OFF:	PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:	
		SOCIAL SECURITY CARD: An Original/Signed Social Security Card
		PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS: Your UNEXPIRED Photo Identification Card Driver's License, State Issued ID, School ID, Passport or Military ID
		YOUR DOCTOR'S INFORMATION: Names, Address of any Doctors you have seen recently, regarding your disability * Use Internet or phone book to research contact information.
		WORK HISTORY: STAFF: USE TWC LIVE FOR A REPORT A list of places you have worked, include the type of work you did at each job.
		PROOF OF <u>ANY</u> INCOME: Information for you and your spouse or your parents (if they claim you as a dependent on their federal income tax) Examples: a copy of your last pay stub; SSI/SSDI or VA Award letter, worker's compensation notice of payment; last income tax return, etc.
		PROOF OF ANY SSI/SSDI BENEFITS: Information that documents financial support you receive from SSI/SSDI
		PROOF OF EXPENSES RELATED TO MONTHLY PAYMENTS: Examples: Mortgage payments, Rental Payments, prescribed diets and medications, debts imposed by the court, medical costs and disability related expenses.
		REFERENCE CONTACT INFORMATION: Names, addresses and phone numbers of 2 -3 people who will know how to help contact you.
		COPIES OF RECORDS/REPORTS: EXAMPLE: recent medical exams, medical records, school records, testing or evaluation reports, etc. Any documentation that will help support your disability claim.

BRING INFORMATION TO: _____

H: EVERYONE/WORD/PROFILE REMINDER

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