

**TEXAS**  
**WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS**



# SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM



## SCHOOL TRANSITION SERVICES VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Everyone wants to work and earn money.  
Getting and keeping a job is not always easy.  
Most people get help from others.

# GETTING HELP

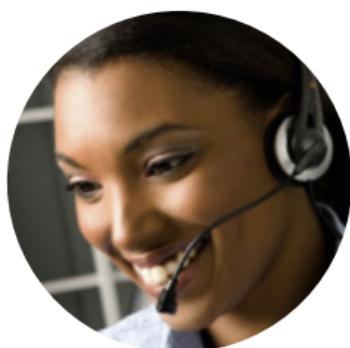
Texas Workforce Solutions is comprised of the Texas Workforce Commission, 28 local workforce development boards and our service providing partners. Together we provide workforce, education, training and support services, including vocational rehabilitation assistance for the people of Texas.

Getting and keeping a job can be very challenging.

Transition services from Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation Services (TWS-VRS) help persons with disabilities:

- prepare for a career; and
- become more independent.

The best time to start preparing for adult responsibilities is while you are still in school. If you have a disability, you can apply for vocational rehabilitation (VR) services to find out if you are eligible for assistance. You can apply directly at the local Workforce Solutions office or with a TWS-VR counselor at your school.



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In order to be eligible for VR services you must:

- have a physical and/or mental condition that affects your ability to work;
- need VR services to prepare for, enter, engage in, or advance in competitive integrated employment; and
- be able to get and keep a job in a competitive integrated work setting after receiving services.

Recipients of Social Security Administration (SSA) disability benefits, including Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) are presumed eligible for VR services.

While you are in school, VR services may provide you with services and support in the following categories:

- counseling and guidance;
- career exploration, which may include vocational testing;
- job readiness, including social and independent living skills;
- training to increase self-advocacy skills;
- work-based learning; and/or
- college readiness.

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VR services may also help you obtain:

- summer job placement;
- paid work experience;
- temporary job placement; and/or
- an internship.

After graduation, you may receive other supportive services to help you reach your vocational goal. These services may include:

- vocational training;
- academic training;
- assistive devices;
- job placement;
- job readiness training; and/or
- medical services.

You and your VR counselor will evaluate:

- what you are good at (your strengths);
- what you would like to do (your interests);
- what you could do with some extra supports;
- what you would not be good at (your weaknesses); and
- what your future plans might be (your goals).

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Your VR counselor also needs to know what financial resources, such as family support, scholarships, and grants, you may have to help you pursue your goals.

This information will be used to identify services and develop a plan to reach your employment goals. You can also develop this plan by yourself or with assistance from others, including assistance from your VR counselor.

You and your VR counselor share the same objective... for you to get and keep a job after you graduate that will be:

- one that is a good match for you;
- one that you enjoy; and
- one where you can make enough money to reach some of your other life goals.

Remember, this is your plan and your goal. It is very important that you keep in touch with your VR counselor about things going on in your life while you work toward your goal; if things get a little difficult or confusing along the road to your success, TWS-VRS and your counselor can help.

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If you would like to meet with the TWS-VRS counselor assigned to your school to personally discuss your employment goals and how the VR services may help, talk to your school counselor, vocational adjustment counselor, or teacher.

TWS-VRS has developed a partnership with your school. This allows a TWS-VRS counselor to attend your Admissions, Review and Dismissal (ARD) and work with the school to help you make a smooth transition after school ends if you want us to.



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There are several ways you can reach TWS-VRS to apply for services if you do not apply through a VR counselor at your school. You may call the TWS-VRS services information and referral line at 1-800-628-5115 or call the Client Assistance Program (CAP) at 1-800-252-9108.

You can also contact the regional TWS-VRS offices listed below.

## Lubbock

(806) 723-2960  
1-800-392-1929

## Metroplex

(972) 940-2400  
1-800-634-2616

## Austin

(512) 407-1320  
1-800-687-2676

## Houston

(713) 267-8510  
1-866-281-1804

## San Antonio

(210) 805-2200  
1-800-410-7760

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