

What Every PPT Chairperson Should Know about Secondary Transition

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Secondary Transition Pre-Test

Percent Correct	Number Correct	Transition Quality Level	Compliance
83% - 100%	18 - 15	Promising Practice	Compliance+
50% - 79%	9 - 14	Progressing	Compliance+
22%- 44%	4 - 8	Emerging	Minimum Compliance
0% - 17%	0 - 3	Unacceptable	Non-Compliance

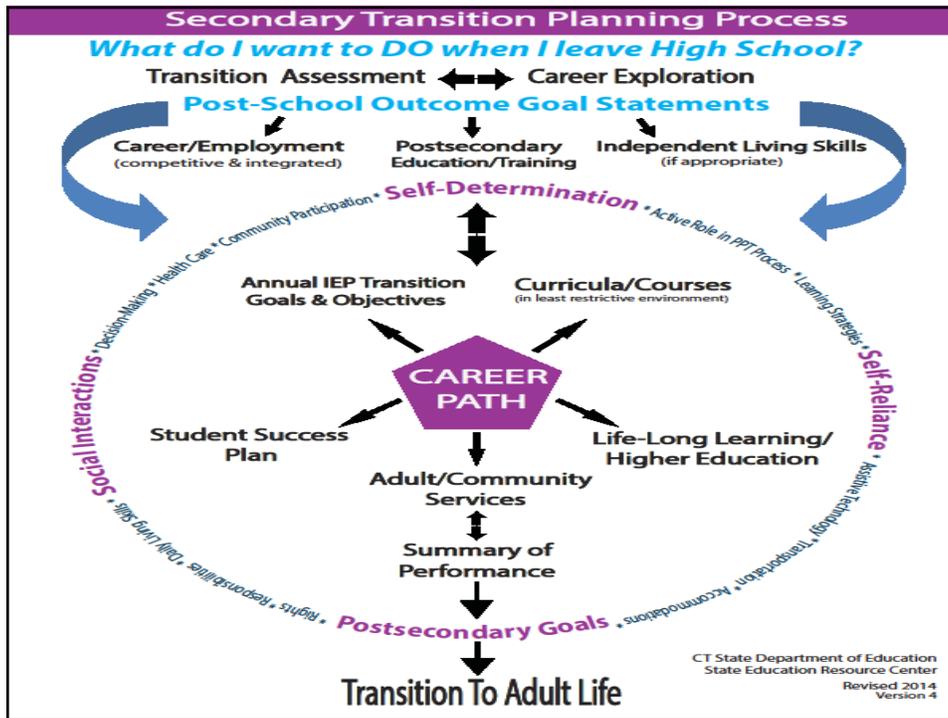
What is Transition Planning?

- Transition Planning assists a student and his/her family in “creating a vision” of what life will look like in the future –
 - Postsecondary Education or Training
 - Employment
 - Independent Living /Community Participation
- “What do you want to do when you leave high school?”



Look at **ALL** activities through a transition lens.





Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – IDEA 2004

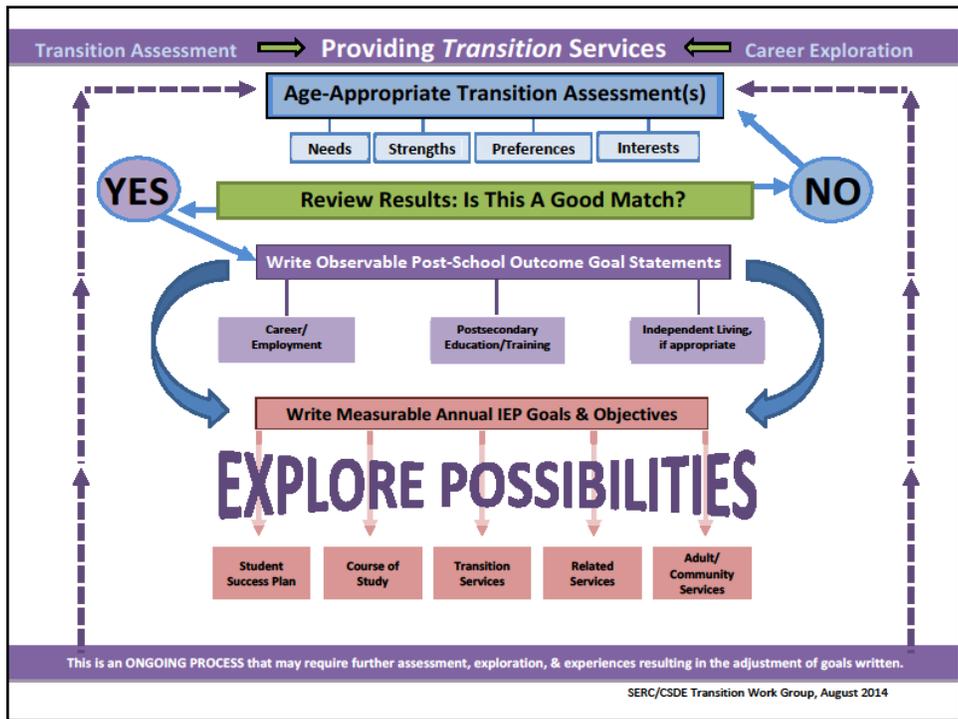
Transition Services

- Coordinated set of activities
- Result-oriented process
- Improve academic AND functional achievement
- Movement from school to post-school
- Activities (integrated and inclusive)
- Based on needs, including strengths, preferences and interests



Transition Services – IDEA 2004

- Transition Services – §300.320(b)
 - Beginning not later than the first IEP to be in effect when the child turns 16, or younger
 - Updated annually, thereafter
 - IEP must include –
 - Appropriate measurable postsecondary goals based upon age-appropriate transition assessments
 - **Related to postsecondary education or training, employment, and if appropriate, independent living skills (OSEP, 2007)**
 - Transition services (including courses of study) needed to assist child in reaching postsecondary goals



Student: _____ Last Name, First Name DOB: _____ mm/dd/yyyy District: _____ Meeting Date: _____ mm/dd/yyyy

TRANSITION PLANNING

- Not Applicable: Student has not reached the age of 15 and transition planning is not required or appropriate at this time.
 This is either the first IEP to be in effect when the student turns 16 (or younger if appropriate and transition planning is needed) or the student is 16 or older and transition planning is required.
- Student Preferences/Interests – document the following:**
 - Was the student invited to attend her/his Planning and Placement Team (PPT) meeting? Yes No
 - Did the student attend? Yes No
 - How were the student's preferences/interests, as they relate to planning for transition services, determined?
 Personal Interviews Comments at Meeting Functional Vocational Evaluations Age appropriate transition assessments Other _____
 - Summarize student preferences/interests as they relate to planning for transition services: _____

- Age Appropriate Transition Assessment(s) performed: (Specify assessment(s) and dates administered) _____

- Agency Participation:**
 - Were any outside agencies invited to attend the PPT meeting? Yes with written consent No (If No, MUST specify reason as listed in the IEP Manual) _____
 - If yes, did the agency's representative attend? Yes No
 - Has any participating agency agreed to provide or pay for services/linkages? Yes No (If Yes, specify) _____
- Post-School Outcome Goal Statement(s) and Transition Services recommended in this IEP**
 - Post-School Outcome Goal Statement - Postsecondary Education or Training: _____
 Annual goal(s) and related objectives regarding Postsecondary Education or Training have been developed and are included in this IEP
 - Post-School Outcome Goal Statement – Employment: _____
 Annual goal(s) and related objectives regarding Employment have been developed and are included in this IEP
 - Post-School Outcome Goal Statement - Independent Living Skills (if appropriate): _____
 Annual goals and related objectives regarding Independent Living have been developed and are included in this IEP (may include Community Participation)
- Please select ONLY one:**
 The course of study needed to assist the child in reaching the transition goals and related objectives will include (including general education activities): _____
- Student has completed academic requirements; no academic course of study is required – student's IEP includes only transition goals and services.
At least one year prior to reaching the age of 18, the student must be informed of her/his rights under IDEA which will transfer at age 18.
- NA (Student will not be 17 within one year) The student has been informed of her/his rights under IDEA which will transfer at age 18 No IDEA rights will transfer
- For a child whose eligibility under special education will terminate the following year due to graduation with a regular education diploma or due to exceeding the age of eligibility, the Summary of Performance will be completed on or before: (specify date) _____

Parents please note: Rights afforded to parents under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) transfer to students at the age of 18, unless legal guardianship has been obtained.

SP-030, Revised February 2009 INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM

Post-School Outcome Goal Statements

- A Post-School Outcome Goal Statement is “generally understood to refer to those goals that a child hopes to achieve after leaving secondary school” (IDEA 2004 Part B Regulations, §300.320(b), discussion of Final Rule p. 46,668)
- A Post-School Outcome Goal Statement is NOT the *process* of pursuing or moving toward a desired outcome.

National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center: <http://www.nsttac.org/>



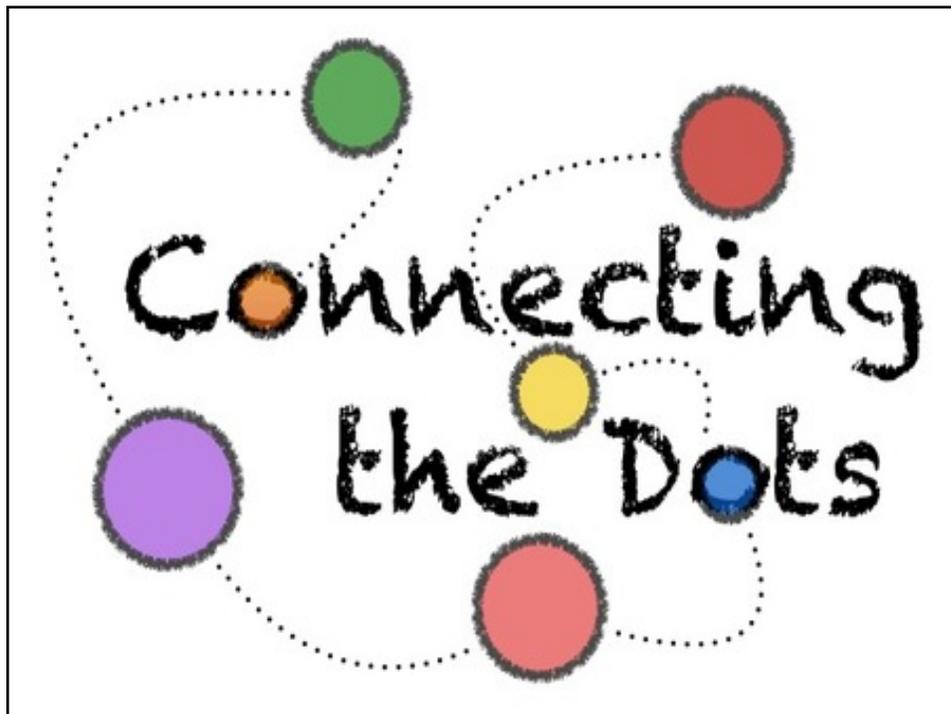
Post-School Outcome Goal Statements

- **The fall after high school, Juanita will enroll in courses (non-degree) at the local community college.**
 - ❑ Participation in **postsecondary education** is the focus of this post-school outcome goal statement.
 - ❑ Enrollment in courses (or not) can be observed.
 - ❑ The goal will occur after Juanita leaves high school.

Post-School Outcome Goal Statements: Combination Statements

- **Carol will independently attend culinary training at the XYZ Center after exiting from high school, so that she can obtain entry level employment within the food services industry.**
 - Participation in **training, employment, and independent living skills** are part of this post-school outcome goal statement.
 - Enrollment in the culinary training program and entry level employment in food services job can be observed.
 - Participation in the training will occur after exiting from high school.

What tools does your district use to ensure appropriate transition services for ALL students on an IEP?



Secondary Transition Planning IEP Checklist*
Connecticut State Department of Education

Student: _____ SASID #: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Case Manager: _____ Annual Review Date: _____

***NOTE:** Refer to IEP Manual (<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Special/IEPManual.pdf>) for specific instructions.

- 1. Student/Parents informed about secondary transition/IEP transition planning** (e.g., *Building a Bridge, IEP Manual*)
- 2. Student Success Plan:** Obtain a copy of the student's Student Success Plan to ensure that related information (i.e., career planning, academic goals) are coordinated between the two documents.
- 3. Reason for Meeting:** "Transition Planning" (IEP, Pg. 1, PPT Cover Page)
- 4. Student/Parent Input and Concerns** (Pg. 4/Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance)
- 5. Present Levels of Performance (PLOP):** (Pgs. 4 & 5) – All areas should be viewed through a "transition lens" – What are the implications for each of the areas listed on pgs. 4 & 5 of the IEP with regard to a student's transition planning?
- 6. Present Levels of Performance (PLOP):** (Pgs. 4 & 5) – **MUST** be Annual Goal for **any** area with information under "Needs & Concerns" – Conversely, since there **MUST** be at least 2 transition Annual Goals, there **MUST** be information under "Needs & Concerns" for the Vocation/Transition row.
- 7. PLOP: Vocation/Transition row** **MUST** include **transition assessment results** and plain-language statement of current performance/skill level in column 1 (Pg. 5). Areas of "Needs and Concerns" **Must** also be filled in.
- 8. Age-Appropriate box:** (PLOP- Pgs. 4 & 5) – If this box is checked, please elaborate in the IEP regarding what is meant by "age-appropriate" for that category – What is "age-appropriate" to one person may not be "age-appropriate" to another person working with the same student. Please clarify.
- 9. Student is 16 or older and transition planning is required** (Pg. 6, #1) – Second box **MUST** be checked for any IEP in which the student has transition goals/objectives – regardless of age of student.
- 10. Student invited to PPT** (Pg. 6, #2)–Response **MUST BE** "YES" and invitation documenting that student was invited must be included in student file. Prefer student to have OWN invitation vs. being on Parent's invitation.
- 11. Name and date(s) of transition assessment(s)** completed prior to PPT, since last annual review: (Pg. 6, #3)

RESOURCE: http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Special/Transition_Assessment_Manual.pdf

CT Core Transition Skills

SLO's – Student Learning Objectives

- A. Explain his/her disability including individual strengths, needs, preferences and interests.
- B. Utilize effective self-determination skills including areas such as: choice-making, problem-solving, goal-setting, communication and self-advocacy.
- C. Strengthen his/her self-esteem and social-emotional awareness by analyzing his/her strengths and challenges in order to implement personal/vocational goals.
- D. Assist with the development of his/her Individualized Education Program (IEP).



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- E. Attend, participate in and/or facilitate his/her Planning and Placement Team (PPT) meeting.
- F. Demonstrate leadership skills to affect positive social change by guiding or directing others on a course of action and/or influencing the opinion and behavior of others.
- G. Describe his/her rights and responsibilities under disability legislation (e.g., IDEA, 504, ADA).
- H. Demonstrate and accept responsibility for his/her independence and activities of daily living.



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- I. Demonstrate appropriate social interactions and skills to develop and maintain meaningful relationships.
- J. Demonstrate skills to access appropriate physical and mental healthcare resources to meet his/her individual needs.
- K. Demonstrate skills to access community resources and participate in the community by establishing support networks.
- L. Demonstrate skills needed to access appropriate postsecondary education, training, or lifelong learning opportunities to meet his/her individual needs.



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- M. Demonstrate skills to access appropriate employment to meet his/her individual needs.
- N. Identify and ask for accommodations necessary to ensure equal access and full participation in post-school education and/or employment settings.
- O. Demonstrate skills needed to access appropriate transportation (both public and private).
- P. Demonstrate the ability to use technology to enhance employment, learning, and community involvement.

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Rubric for Secondary Transition

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Transition Bill of Rights

As a student with an individualized education program (IEP) you have certain rights under both Federal and State Laws. This *Transition Bill of Rights* will help you and your parents understand your rights related to getting an education and other important issues regarding the transition to life after high school. School districts will provide this document annually at a planning and placement team (PPT) meeting to all parents, guardians, and surrogate parents of students who are receiving special education services in grades 6-12 as well as to students who are 18 years of age or older.

Your parents, guardians, or surrogate parents, or you if you are 18 years of age or older, also have the right to receive *Procedural Safeguards in Special Education* that explain the rights and responsibilities in the federal law called the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). These procedural safeguards are provided at least annually at a PPT meeting by each school district. This publication describes your right to a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE) through specialized instruction and related services in your IEP.

Students with an IEP have a right to:

1. Receive secondary transition services through their IEP starting at least at age sixteen, or younger if desired and recommended by the student's PPT. Parents and students, if appropriate, are considered to be important members of the PPT.
2. Receive appropriate individualized education services through the end of the school year in which they turn twenty-one (21) OR until graduation with a regular high school diploma. The school year is defined as July 1st through June 30th. This decision is typically recommended by a student's PPT.
3. Attend all PPT meetings including those related to transition planning to represent their education/training, employment and independent living interests, preferences and strengths.
4. Assist in the development of their IEP with accommodations and modifications designed to meet their unique needs.
5. Develop realistic and specific post-school outcome goals (PSOGs) that are measurable, based upon their needs, and reviewed annually as part of their IEP.
6. Receive secondary transition services and related supports to help them prepare to meet their post-school goals in postsecondary education/training AND employment, and independent living skills if appropriate.
7. Assist in developing annual goals and objectives to include but not be limited to those areas in the **CSDE CORE Transition Skills (link to)** areas such as health care, transportation, self-determination, and social skills.
8. Identify, explore and connect with outside agencies as appropriate, including but not limited to adult service agencies (BRS, DDS, BESB, DMHAS, DPH – see **Easing into Secondary Transition: link to**)
9. Be informed on or before their 17th birthday that all parental rights will transition to the student when he/she reaches the age of eighteen (18). Under Connecticut law, students may notify the school district (in writing) that the parents/guardians shall continue to have the right to make educational decisions with the students when they turn 18.

