



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Community-based Transition Center is to provide opportunities for adult students with disabilities set personal transition goals, understand their personal needs, and increase their level of independence to become more fully engaged members of their communities.

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Van Buren ISD

Providing Educational Services

For A Better Tomorrow



What is the CTC Program?

The Community-based Transition Program is an elective, student-driven program to provide support and training for young adults needing assistance to meet the demands of life after high school. Individual goals focus on four main areas of transition:

- Employment
- Post-secondary education and training
- Daily living
- Community participation

At the CTC, students make connections with post-school programs, supports, and adult service agencies to build a productive and independent future.

Where do referrals come from?

Van Buren County Schools

Agencies

Students

Parents

Who is eligible for the CTC?

The CTC program provides services to students with disabilities who have completed their academic requirements for a certification of completion or diploma. CTC students reside in any of the Van Buren Intermediate School Districts, are at least 18 years old, and show evidence that they will benefit from the programming offered at the CTC.

Student Driven Programming

CTC students are expected to participate in goal setting and activities related to their goals. Students will learn to lead their own IEP and participate in monitoring their progress.

Employment/Work Training

CTC students create and maintain an active resume and they are taught to be responsible for applying for jobs, both on-line and in person. CTC students are able to identify community agencies and research other supports available to help with their employment education.

Community Involvement

CTC students participate in opportunities that require community interaction. Customer service and communication are a few of the skills that are practiced in these settings.

CTC students may also participate in optional evening activities to practice social skills in a community environment.

Agency Connections

CTC students are encouraged to apply for post-secondary training and employment support services from Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS). Students are also encouraged to consider services through Community Mental Health (CMH), which offers supports in employment, daily living, and mental health services. Other community agency services are available depending upon the student's needs.

Transportation

Transportation is provided by VBISD transportation or Van Buren County Transit based on individual circumstances and documented in student IEPs. Alternatively, students may provide their own transportation to the CTC program, including driving a personal vehicle to school.

Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation for optional evening activities. Some exceptions apply.

During the school day, Van Buren County Transit or VBISD vehicles may be used to get around in the community for program related and/or employment activities.

The CTC is committed to providing a safe and comfortable environment for students and staff alike. The school has adopted the following guidelines for success:

Responsible

Engaged

Ambitious

Dependable

Young Adults

CTC students receive explicit instruction as to how READY guides actions across the CTC environment and students are acknowledged for their commitment to these guidelines.