

# Mission Statement

*The Transition Program is committed to the development and enhancement of independent living skills of students as they transition from school to adult life.*

*The Transition Program is one option for students in the special education continuum of services provided by*

*North DuPage  
Special Education  
Cooperative.*

## NDSEC STUDENT PROGRAMS

<u>Multi-Needs</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Early Childhood	3 yrs. - Primary
Primary	K - 3
Intermediate	4 - 6
Junior High	7 - 8
High School	9 - 12
Transition (ages)	18 - 21

  

<u>Emotional Disabilities</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Early Childhood	3 yrs. - Primary
Primary	K - 3
Intermediate	4 - 6
Junior High	7 - 8

  

<u>Lincoln Academy</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Junior High	6-8
High School	9 - 12+

  

<u>Therapeutic</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Junior High	6-8
High School	9 - 12+

# NDSEC

## North DuPage Special Education Cooperative

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Community-Based  
Programs

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# The Transition Program

Transition is the process of transferring the responsibilities from the educational team to the students and their families/caregivers.

The Transition Program is for students who have completed four years of high school and/or reached 19 years of age. Students come from our high school classrooms at Fenton and Lake Park High Schools.

The program focuses on functional life skills that are embedded into daily activities, as part of the state goals and Illinois Learning Standards. The emphasis is to increase students' levels of independence with decreasing levels of staff support across all environments.

We have a commitment to provide a positive learning environment which promotes a cooperative instructional partnership among family, school and community - specifically with agencies that will be part of the students' lives when they leave the educational environment.

## CURRICULUM

### Instruction

- Functional Reading
- Applied Math
- Money Management/Budget
- Personal Management and Schedules
- Post Secondary Education (College of DuPage)

### Community

- Grocery/Retail Shopping
- Accessing/Utilizing Community Resources
- Accessing Transportation
- Personal Safety
- Recreational Programs

### Independent/Adult Living

- Meal Planning/Preparation/Nutrition
- Personal Care
- Social Skills/Interpersonal Behavior/Personal Responsibility and Decision Making
- Domestic/Housekeeping Skills
- Kitchen/Home Safety

### Vocational/Employment

- Skill/Interest Assessments
- Career/Job Exploration
- Job Development/Placement
- Community Vocational Training
- STEP—Secondary Transitional Experience Program

## TRANSITION AND INTERAGENCY COORDINATION

- Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS)
- Social Security
- NEDSRA—Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association
- WDSRA—Western DuPage Special Recreation Association
- Adult Vocational/Residential Agencies
- DuPage Center for Independent Living
- Medicare/Medicaid
- PACT, Inc. — Case coordination agency for DuPage County
- State/Federal Funding Sources
- NDSEC Parent Network Group

