

Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative

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# **Secondary Transitional Activities**

What follows is a starter set of activities related to the five areas of transition that can be utilized in the classroom. The activities allow a student to practice and improve a skill or to acquire new learning via the completion of a task.

#### Jobs and Job Training

- 1. Make an appointment with the school counselor and ask for help to expand your "career awareness" knowledge.
- 2. Get and keep a part-time job for three months.
- 3. Request an accommodation that you need from your employer.
- 4. Make an appointment to visit a Department of Rehabilitation Services counselor.
- 5. Develop a career plan.
- 6. Develop a letter of inquiry and a follow-up letter.
- 7. Gather information about two careers in which you are interested.
- 8. Video tape your worksite. Used the video as the basis for a class presentation.
- 9. Take a vocational assessment (inventory, aptitude or ability).
- 10. Ask your employer to review your job performance and ask for suggestions to improve.
- 11. Do a job interview for a job you are not interested in getting.
- 12. Create a job application data card.
- 13. Become involved in the school to work program
- 14. Fill out several job application forms
- 15. Obtain a Minnesota Identification Card
- 16. Interview someone in a career interests and report the information to class or teacher.
- 17. Visit the Workforce Center.
- 18. Make a list of your strengths, assets and skills.
- 19. Take the A.S.V.A.B. test.
- 20. Talk to a military recruiter.

#### **Post-Secondary Education**

- 1. Locate two secondary education institutions you'd consider attending. Call and have them send you information.
- 2. Make a site visit to a post-secondary institution.
- 3. Take the ACT or SAT.
- 4. Contact a college Student Support Service Office to find out what assistance is provided for individuals with you disability.
- 5. Arrange a meeting with a classroom teacher and explain to him/her how your disability affects your education and what accommodations you need.
- 6. Arrange for tutoring one hour a week for nine weeks to improve a specific skill.
- 7. Fill out a college application form.

- 8. Make an appointment with the school counselor to discuss scholarships that might be available to you.
- 9. Ask someone to write a letter of recommendation for you.
- 10. Take a learning style inventory to determine how you learn best.
- 11. Identify all possible sources of financial support for vo-tech or college.

### <u>Home/Independent Living</u>

- 1. Do your family grocery shopping at least two times. See how well you can stay within the budget.
- 2. Do the family laundry for at least one week.
- 3. Attend Anger Management Classes
- 4. With a parent, develop a family budget and monitor it for 8 to 10 weeks.
- 5. Prepare a family meal.
- 6. Develop a card catalog of your favorite recipes.
- 7. Schedule your next haircut, dental, eye, or doctor appointment.
- 8. Investigate housing costs. Determine the monthly rent for apartments in your area.
- 9. Assist a parent with at least two different home improvement projects (painting a room, fixing a leaky faucet, etc.).
- 10. Attend counseling sessions with Human Services
- 11. Keep his/her locker (room at home) neat, clean and organized for 1 month
- 12. Develop an "accumulation list" things needed for moving to an apartment or dorm room
- 13. Determine what legal resources are available
- 14. Create a "what to do if you have an auto accident" checklist
- 15. Find out where to get information about sexuality issues
- 16. Take a self-defense class
- 17. Determine how to use an ATM
- 18. Explore guardianship/conservatorship.

# **Recreation and leisure**

- 1. Develop and carry out a four week exercise plan.
- 2. Attend a play or a musical.
- 3. Join a school club or sport team.
- 4. Attend a school function.
- 5. Attend one school dance.
- 6. Call the local YMCA or YWCA and inquire about what programs are available.
- 7. Develop a one-week vacation plan. 8. Read a book "just for fun".
- 9. Take a community education class.
- 10. Apply for a library card.
- 11. Visit at least 2 city or state parks
- 12. Share a skill you have with another

# **Community Participation.**

- 1. Join a community or church youth group.
- 2. Attend a school board or city council meeting.
- 3. Volunteer your services to a community or private group for one hour per week for two months.

- 4. Take a bus to location to which you would normally get a ride or drive.
- 5. Spend a morning or afternoon in court.
- 6. Register to vote.
- 7. Register with the selective service.
- 8. Apply for a driver's license.
- 9. Introduce the participants at the next IEP meeting
- 10. Volunteer to help for a church or charity function
- 11. Visit a nursing home resident

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