



HERNANDO COUNTY SCHOOLS TRANSITION INFORMATION AND RESOURCES GUIDE FOR AGES 12 – 22

Secondary transition refers to the process a student with a disability goes through as they move from high school to whatever comes next, including postsecondary education, employment and independent living. In Florida this begins at age 14 or earlier and may not end until 22 for students with significant disabilities. The term “transition services” or “transition planning” means a coordinated set of activities for a child with a disability that:

- Is designed to be within a results-oriented process, that is focused on improving the academic and functional achievement of the child with a disability to facilitate the child’s movement from school to post-school activities, including postsecondary education, vocational education, integrated employment (including supported employment); continuing and adult education, adult services, independent living, or community participation
- Is based on the individual child’s needs, taking into account the child’s strengths, preferences, and interests
- Includes instruction, related services, community experiences, the development of employment and other post-school adult living objectives, and, if appropriate, acquisition of daily living skills and functional vocational evaluation.

More informational handouts that describe the pre-transition and transition planning process can be found on Project 10 Transition Education Network website (a Florida Department of Education discretionary project) at <http://project10.info/> Including the following helpful publications:

Middle School Transition Trail Map for Families

This resource will assist families to identify ways to support their youth as they transition to middle school, to high school and, ultimately, to adult life. The resources and references are contained in a separate document - **Resources and References for the Middle School Transition Trail Map**. This product is also available in Spanish - **Mapa de Ruta de Transición de la Escuela Secundaria para las Familias**.

Benchmarks for Middle School Transition Planning **Referencias para la planificación de la transición de la escuela secundaria**

Families and other transition stakeholders can support their middle school students to transition to high school and beyond by helping them to accomplish these benchmarks. These activities are organized around the predictors of post-school outcomes which indicate the experiences that help students transition to adult life.

Secondary Transition Roadmap for Families **Guía para familias sobre la transición después de la educación**

This resource assists families to become familiar with graduation and post-school options available to students with disabilities. This twelve-page booklet shares easy-to-follow directions that guide families and students toward transition destinations, including high school graduation and beyond.

For additional information on exceptional student education programs, visit [Secondary Transition Roadmap for Families](#).

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	HERNANDO HIGH SCHOOL	NATURE COAST TECHNICAL HIGH	SPRINGSTEAD HIGH SCHOOL	WEEKI WACHEE HIGH SCHOOL
High-School Level Transition Services and Programs	High-School Level Transition Services and Programs	High-School Level Transition Services and Programs	High-School Level Transition Services and Programs	High-School Level Transition Services and Programs
<p>Transition Services and Programs consist of Community Based Instruction and Work Experiences</p> <p>JROTC</p>	<p>Transition Services and Programs consist of Community Based Instruction and Work Experiences</p> <p>PIT Crew- Peer Inclusion Team, Academic and Social supports provided by peer leaders.</p> <p>JROTC</p> <p>18-22 Extended Transition Programming – Project Looking Ahead</p>	<p>Transition Services and Programs consist of Community Based Instruction and Work Experiences</p>	<p>Transition Services and Programs consist of Community Based Instruction and Work Experiences</p> <p>JROTC</p>	<p>Transition Services and Programs consist of Community Based Instruction and Work Experiences</p>
High School Career Technical Programs	High School Career Technical Programs	High School Career Technical Programs	High School Career Technical Programs	High School Career Technical Programs
https://www.hernandoschools.org/schools/central-high-school/programs/college-career	https://www.hernandoschools.org/schools/hernando-high-school/programs/college-career	https://www.hernandoschools.org/schools/nature-coast-technical-high-school/p/college-career	https://www.hernandoschools.org/schools/f-w-springstead-high-school/programs/advanced-placement/index	College & Career - Weeki Wachee High School Programs (hernandoschools.org)
Collegiate Programs available to students with disabilities	Collegiate Programs available to students with disabilities	Collegiate Programs available to students with disabilities	Collegiate Programs available to students with disabilities	Collegiate Programs available to students with disabilities
<p>DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)</p> <p>The dual enrollment program is designed to expand the learning opportunities for qualified students. Qualified students who wish to enroll in college level courses and who need the credits to meet high school graduation requirements may enroll in approved postsecondary courses. These courses are taught as part of the high school curriculum and follow the curricular guidelines established by the high school and Pasco Hernando State College. The number of credits a student may earn is determined by the college. Students must meet enrollment criteria specific to each dual enrollment course, and upon successful completion of each course will receive both high school and post-secondary credit. Students dually enrolled in the regular school year are exempt from tuition, fees, and textbook costs.</p> <p>ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)</p> <p>The Advanced Placement Program offers enrollment of an eligible secondary student in a course offered by the Advanced Placement Program administered by the College Board. The postsecondary institution may award college credit to students who score a minimum of 3 on a 5- point scale on the corresponding AP exam. Students shall be exempt from any fees for administration of the examination regardless of whether or not the student achieves a passing score on the examination</p>				
<p>Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Diploma is an international curriculum and examination system that emphasizes the value of broad and balanced study. Students work on in-depth understanding of a variety of subjects, students also need to master a broader range of skills critical for success in university study and employment.</p>			<p>International Baccalaureate (IB) Program is a 2 year Diploma Program (11th and 12th grades). The IB emphasizes academic rigor, college readiness, developing student attributes of the IB Learner Profile, and student development of International-mindedness. Students work towards earning the IB Diploma at the conclusion of their senior year.</p>	
District Based Transition Services and Career and Technical Education Programs				

 <p>Project CONNECT</p> <p>Hernando County Interagency Council Assisting Students with Disabilities in Transitioning to Adult Life</p> <p>The mission of the Hernando County Project Connect Transition Interagency Council is to increase agency and parent/family involvement at the school level. It is our intent to assist students with disabilities in transitioning to adult life by empowering them with the knowledge and tools to become participating members in the Hernando County community.</p>	 <p>Florida Telecommunications FTRI Relay, Inc.</p> <p><i>FTRI offers a variety of amplified telephones to meet the need of persons with a mild, moderate, or severe hearing loss.</i></p> <p>Voice: 1-800-222-3448 TTY: 1-888-447-5620 Video Phone: 1-850-270-2641 http://www.ftri.org</p>	 <p>Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida (CLSMF) is the primary provider of free legal aid for low to moderate income residents in Central Florida</p>  <p>Helpline: 1-800-405-1417 http://clsmf.org/</p>	 <p>The Florida Department of Health in Hernando County provides a variety of services including: primary adult, pediatric, and prenatal care; dental, family planning, school health, WIC, and environmental health services.</p> <p>300 S. Main St., Brooksville, FL 34601 7551 Forest Oaks Blvd., Spring Hill, FL 34606 (352) 540-6800 http://hernando.floridahealth.gov</p>	 <p>School-to-Work Opportunities</p> <p>Hernando County offers several types of on-the-job training for students with disabilities.</p>
 <p>Goodwill Industries-Suncoast, Inc. Transforming lives through lifelong learning and the power of work.</p> <p>Goodwill Spring Hill Superstore 4750 Commercial Way Spring Hill, FL 34606 Store Contact: (352) 596-1712 Corporate Contact: (727) 417-6790</p>	 <p>Crescent Community Clinic <i>To improve the health and well-being of the underserved, indigent and uninsured, to promote health literacy and to establish alliances that serve our community,</i></p> <p>5244 Commercial Way Spring Hill, FL 34606 (352) 610-9916 http://www.crescentclinic.org/index1.html</p>	<p>Florida Center for Students with UNIQUE ABILITIES</p> <p>FCSUA -Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs serve eligible students with intellectual disabilities in inclusive postsecondary education programs. Focus is on preparing students for employment through degree, certificate, or non degree programs. The programs are provided by universities, state colleges, and technical schools across Florida.</p> <p>List of Programs Around the State: https://fcsua.org/Find_FPCTP.php</p>	 <p>Epilepsy Services Foundation <i>committed to serving children, teens, young adults and their families</i></p> <p>ESF is committed to creating a better future and environment for persons affected by epilepsy living in West Central Florida.</p> <p>4628 N. Armenia Ave. Tampa, FL 33603 (813) 374-8907 https://epilepsysf.org</p>	 <p>HCC Hernando Community Coalition</p> <p><i>The Hernando Community Coalition is committed to reducing the problems of alcohol and other drug use and abuse and related consequences in Hernando County.</i></p> <p>13001 Spring Hill Drive Spring Hill, FL 34609 (352) 596-8000 http://hernandocommunitycoalition.org/</p>
<p>Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) is a cooperative agreement through Social Security Administration (SSA) with local agencies to provide work incentives information and planning services for individuals. For More Information:</p>  <p>Contact the Ticket to Work Helpline (866) 968-7842; TTY (866) 833-2967</p> <p>Or contact Center for Independent Living North Central Florida (CILNCF): Alex Cavalcante, WIPA Project Manager (352) 378-7474, X2013; acavalcante@cilncf.org</p>	 <p>Developing and promoting innovative programs for our students to meet the evolving needs of the community.</p> <p>801 N. Broad Street Brooksville, FL, 34601 (352) 797-7091 https://www.hernandoschools.org/schools/stc</p>	 <p>Florida Association of Centers for Independent Living</p> <p>Centers for Independent Living (CILs) mission is to support community living and independence for people with disabilities based on the belief that all people can live with dignity, make their own choices and participate fully in society.</p> <p>List of Programs Around the State (Find Your CIL): https://www.floridacils.org/find-your-cil</p>	 <p>Family Care Council Florida (FCCF)</p> <p>The mission of the Family Care Council Florida (FCCF) is to educate and empower individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, partnering with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), to bring quality services to individuals with dignity and choice.</p> <p>http://www.fccflorida.org (800) 470-8101</p>	 <p>FND Family Network on Disabilities</p> <p>Family Network on Disabilities Statewide is the state of Florida's Parent Training and Information Center. The mission of FND is to strive for the complete integration and equality of persons with disabilities in a society without barriers and to serve families of children with disabilities, ages birth through 26, who have a full range of disabilities.</p> <p>Statewide Address: 26750 U.S. Highway 19 N., Suite 410 Clearwater, FL 33761 Phone Number: (800) 825-5736; Website: www.fndusa.org</p>
 <p><i>The Social Security and Supplemental Security Income disability programs provide assistance to people with disabilities.</i></p> <p>1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) https://www.ssa.gov</p>	 <p><i>Provides people who are visually impaired and blind with the skills needed to achieve their maximum independence.</i></p> <p>Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind, Inc. 6492 California St. Brooksville, FL 34604 (352) 754-1132 http://www.lvib.org/</p>	 <p>Special Olympics provides sports training and competition to children and adults 8 years of age and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities.</p> <p>http://specialolympicsflorida.org/hernando/</p>	 <p>Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technologies (FAAST) http://www.faast.org/</p> <p>Resource to free access to assistive technology through hands on demonstrations and trainings.</p> <p>FAAST West Central Florida Demonstration Center at Hope Services, Inc. 5426 Land O'Lakes Blvd., Suite D-200 Land O'Lakes, FL 34639 (813) 907-3731 https://www.hopegetsjobs.com/faast/</p>	 <p>Hernando County Emergency Management</p> <p><i>Hurricane preparedness, shelter registration and evacuation information for residents with special needs.</i></p> <p>18900 Cortez Boulevard Brooksville, FL 34601 (352) 754-4083 https://www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-a-e/emergency-management</p>

 <p>HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT Learn it. Love it. Live it.</p> <p>The School District of Hernando County, Florida Exceptional Student Education Dept. Anna Jensen, Director 1036 Varsity Drive Brooksville, FL 34601 Phone: (352) 797-7022</p>	 <p>“Project 10: Transition Education Network is Florida’s statewide project supporting the secondary transition of youth with disabilities.”</p> <p>University of South Florida St. Petersburg 140 7th Avenue South, SVB 101 St. Petersburg, FL 33701 Phone: (727) 873-4370 www.project10.info</p>	<p>Project CONNECT</p> <p>RESOURCE GUIDE</p>  <p>Hernando County Interagency Council</p> <p>Assisting Students with Disabilities in Transitioning to Adult Life</p>	 <p><i>CareerSource Pasco Hernando serves as the area’s One-Stop venue for meeting both employer and employee needs.</i></p> <p>16228 Spring Hill Drive Brooksville, FL 34604 (352) 200-3020 www.careersourcepascohernando.com</p>	 <p>Florida Department of Education Division of Vocational Rehabilitation</p> <p><i>“Providing employment opportunities to people of working age with a disability that affects their ability to work.”</i></p> <p>20080 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, FL. 34601 Phone: (352) 610-5212 www.rehabworks.org</p>
 <p><i>The Office of Disabilities Services is responsible for ensuring equal access, accommodations and services to its registered students with disabilities.</i></p> <p>11415 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Brooksville, FL 34601 450 Beverly Court, Spring Hill, FL 34606 Phone: (352) 688-8798 https://phsc.edu/</p>	 <p><i>Provides supports and advocacy for persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families. Serving Hernando, Pasco & Sumter Counties.</i></p> <p>15782 Little Ranch Road Spring Hill, FL 34610 (727) 619-0700 www.thearc-naturecoast.org</p>		 <p><i>Creates and facilitates a network of key stakeholders committed to assisting in the provision of a quality system of care for students with or at-risk of emotional and/or behavioral challenges.</i></p> <p>1036 Varsity Drive Brooksville, FL 34606 (352) 797-7022 Ext. 245 http://www.sednetfl.info/</p>	 <p>DIVISION OF BLIND SERVICES Florida Department of Education dbs.fldoe.org</p> <p><i>We are here to help blind and visually impaired Floridians achieve their goals and live productive and independent lives.</i></p> <p>402 S. Kentucky Avenue, Suite 340 Lakeland, FL 33801 Main Number: (863) 499-2385 Toll Free: (877) 728-7738 Fax: (863) 499-2698 http://dbs.fldoe.org</p>
 <p><i>Community disability resource center operated by people with disabilities.</i></p> <p>2760 SE 17th Street, Suite 300 Ocala, FL 34471 (352) 368-3788 phone (352) 629-0098 fax (352) 414-1833 VP http://cilncf.org/</p>	 <p>Creating partnerships that advance student achievement and promote excellence within Hernando County Public Education.</p> <p>https://hernandoeducationfoundation.org/</p> <p>Take Stock in Children® of Hernando A non-profit organization in Florida that provides a unique opportunity for deserving, low-income youth to escape the cycle of poverty through education. https://hernandoeducationfoundation.org/take-stock-in-children-tsic/</p>	 <p><i>The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) supports persons with developmental disabilities in living, learning, and working in their communities.</i></p> <p>901 Industrial Drive, Suite 100 Wildwood, FL 34785 (407) 245-0440 http://apd.myflorida.com/</p>	 <p><i>Dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with mental illness and their families through support, education, and advocacy.</i></p> <p>4030 Commercial Way Spring Hill, FL 34606 (352) 684-0004 https://namihernando.org/</p>	 <p>University of Florida Center for Autism and Related Disabilities</p> <p><i>Provides support and assistance with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism and related disabilities.</i></p> <p>4101 NW 89th Boulevard Gainesville, FL 32606 (352) 265-2230 http://card.ufl.edu/</p>
 <p>Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources Systems</p> <p><i>Provides diagnostic, instructional, and technology support services to district exceptional education programs and families of students with disabilities.</i></p> <p>1036 Varsity Drive Brooksville, FL 34601 (727) 331-5101 www.fdlrgulfcoast.org</p>	 <p><i>Adults and children are provided recovery services to help them make informed, healthy choices that support their physical and emotional well-being.</i></p> <p>15311 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, FL 34613 (352) 540-9335 https://www.baycare.org/locations/b/baycare-behavioral-health--brooksville</p>	 <p><i>The Department of Children & Families has several programs that can help Florida families. These include ACCESS Florida, Adult Services, and Child Care.</i></p> <p>661 S. Broad Street Brooksville, FL 34601 (866) 762-2237 or (850) 300-4323 http://www.myflfamilies.com/ TO REPORT ABUSE - IT’S A CRIME! (800) 962-2873 or ReportAbuse.dcf.state.fl.us</p>	 <p>Mid Florida Community Services, Inc. To strengthen partnerships, mobilize resources, and provide integrated services that promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families in the communities in which they live.</p> <p>820 Kennedy Blvd. Brooksville, FL. 34601 (352) 796-1425 https://www.mfcs.us.com/</p>	   <p>Provides the only free, confidential, multi-lingual, 24-hour dialing code – 2-1-1 – for access to community information, services and resources for the residents of Hernando County. https://www.unitedwayhernando.org/211hernando</p> <p>988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline connects to trained counselors who will listen, understand, provide support and connect to resources. https://www.unitedwayhernando.org/988</p>

Hernando County School District and School-Based Transition Programming:

Hernando County Schools transition planning begins at age 12 through identifying students transition services needs by completing age-appropriate assessments and providing information regarding high school-level transition services, diploma pathways including merit and scholar designations, career and technical programs, early college preparation, dual enrollment programs with colleges, and other agency services and resources in order to have a fully operational transition individualized education in place when the student turns 14-years of age or the students first day of high school.

Hernando County School's transition services and programs are all individualized throughout the various secondary schools in the district and may include instruction in self-advocacy and self-determination, community based instruction, community based vocational education, career preparation, career experience, school based enterprises, and independent living skills training. Instruction is based on each individual students needs as prescribed in their Individual Education Plan (IEP) and availability of course offerings or embedded in various courses at each of the individual secondary schools.

Beginning when the student turns 14, or the student's first day of high school, students and families receive an explanation regarding the Pre-Employment Transition Services and traditional services offered by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Students and families are encouraged to sign up for these services including signing a consent so Vocational Rehabilitation can either be invited to the meeting and/or a referral can be completed.

Eligible deferral (reserved for students with significant disabilities as recommended by the IEP Team) students can also participate in the 18-22 extended transition programming. The district offers an 18-22 structured work study program entitled, Project Looking Ahead that is located at Hernando High School. Typical instructional activities may consist of practical applications of various life skills in the following areas with the overall focus being to provide students with a structured work study program, specifically designed to enhance students' skills in the following areas:

- Self-Determination and Self-Advocacy
- Work-Readiness skills (includes soft-skills for work-readiness)
- Career Preparation
- Career Experiences
- Preparation for Adult Living
- Financial Management
- Citizenship and Community Involvement