

# Palm Beach County Options (Under FAPE) for Students with a Deferred Standard Diploma 2019-20

## Remain on home school campus, receive required IEP identified ESE services & enroll in one of the following:

- a structured work-study (CBVE), internship, or pre-apprenticeship program
- accelerated college credit instruction, as described in s. 1007.27(1), F.S (for example: IB, AICE, AP, or Dual Enrollment) or a collegiate high school program for industry certification courses that lead to college credit
- courses necessary to satisfy the requirements for Scholar designation

## Regional Extended Transition Programs

location: Wm T. Dwyer HS: STEPS Program

*(for either Special Diploma\* or Deferred Standard Diploma)*

The Regional Extended Transition Programs focus on providing quality career development for high school graduates looking to develop adult independence skills and to transition into the working world. These full day 18-22 programs assist students to develop job skills and enhance independence in areas including use of public transportation, social interactions, community awareness, and leisure & recreational activities.

## SD-PBC Transition Programs

locations: Delray Beach, Boynton Beach, Lake Worth, West Palm Beach, Royal Palm Beach & Palm Beach Gardens

*(for either Special Diploma\* or Deferred Standard Diploma)*

The Transition Programs focus on providing quality career development for high school graduates looking to transition into the working world which is accomplished through extensive training in real-world environments and on site job training. The Transition Programs enhance independence in areas including the use of public transportation, social interactions, community awareness, and leisure & recreational activities.

## Gulfstream Goodwill-Transition to Life Academy (Charter School)

location: Boynton Beach

*(for Special Diploma\* or Access Points Standard Diploma only)*

Gulfstream Goodwill Transition to Life Academy provides experiential learning embedded within community businesses. Students gain independence, confidence, and develop employment skills. Programs offer daily one-hour classes of vocational and independent life skills training. In the Food Service Program students may earn a Food Handler Certificate essential for employment in the culinary field. Employment services ensure continued success in competitive employment.

\*Special Diploma- only available to certain students who enrolled prior to 2014-2015 and who maintained that diploma choice.

-Contact programs for specific application deadlines and processes.

**Believers Academy** (Charter School & VR Employment Services Provider) location: West Palm Beach  
Believers Academy will develop a plan for students to transition to greater independence by developing a skill set that is life and career ready. BA's Tools for Transition are broken into four domains: Life Skills, Employment Skills, Post-secondary School Readiness & Connections with Community Resources. Using these domains, the staff assists students with internships, apprenticeships, job placement, independent living placements as well as college exploration and enrollment.

**EdVenture** (Charter School) location: Lantana  
*(for Special Diploma\* or Deferred Standard Diploma)*  
EdVenture is a choice HS program for ESE students who face significant emotional and cognitive disabilities and are struggling to progress in a traditional school setting. We provide small classes with a focus on transition preparation for post-secondary opportunities. Our programming includes RBT, BCBA and licensed mental health staff along with a strong behavioral component.

**The Learning Academy at the Els Center of Excellence** (Charter School) location: Jupiter  
After meeting the standard diploma requirements, students may continue their education at The Learning Academy through a structured work-study program with a full course schedule with an emphasis on courses related to: post-secondary goals, self-determination, social and communication skills, independent living skills and employment readiness.

**SAIL Academy (Seagull)** (Charter School) location: Riviera Beach  
SAIL provides pre-employment training and job placement while teaching independent living and life skills. Our partnerships allow students to explore different types of work including culinary, elder care, housekeeping, and customer service. SAIL's Supported Employment department works with students beyond the classroom to explore real-world job situations, complete applications, develop interview skills, and provides continued support upon employment.

**South Tech** (Charter School) location: Boynton Beach  
*(for either Special Diploma\* or Deferred Standard Diploma)*  
South Tech Academy offers one on one or small group Career Experience Training, Career Placement Services, Work-based Learning Experiences and Pre-Employment Transition Services as well as Preparation for Adult Living based on the level of need for each transition student. Students may also interview for one of thirteen vocational technical career academies to attend throughout the week.

-All programs are listed for information only and are not intended as program recommendation.

-Any program being considered should be visited in person.

-Please contact the ESE Coordinator at your school or your Secondary Resource Teacher with any Deferment questions

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