

Student Competencies to Successfully Transition to PSE

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Creating Expectations

- ⊙ Need to begin talking about college as a possible option in elementary school
- ⊙ Schools, higher education, community agencies, families and students need to work together to create expectations
- ⊙ Research needed to determine effective strategies for preparing for and transitioning to PSE programs



Critical Skills Needed

- ⊙ Success of meeting demands of higher education and preparing for employment involve five critical components (Getzel, 2008)
 - ⊙ Self determination skills
 - ⊙ Self management skills
 - ⊙ Technology skills
 - ⊙ Career related experiences
 - ⊙ Universal design techniques



Self-Determination Skills

- ⦿ Examples of what students need to be taught throughout K-12 include:
 - ⦿ Problem solving
 - ⦿ Advocating what they like or need
 - ⦿ Setting goals
 - ⦿ Understanding their strengths



Self Management Skills

- ⦿ Examples of what students need to be taught throughout K-12 include:
 - ⦿ Organizational skills
 - ⦿ Understanding schedules
 - ⦿ Independent living skills
 - ⦿ Study skills and what helps you learn



Technology

- ◎ Examples of what students need to be taught throughout K-12 include:
 - ◎ Use of computers skills—word processing etc
 - ◎ Hand held devices
 - ◎ Email communication
 - ◎ Live Scribe



Career Related Experiences

- ⦿ Examples of what students need to be taught throughout K-12 include:
 - ⦿ Career Awareness
 - ⦿ Job Shadowing
 - ⦿ Part-time employment
 - ⦿ Work experience



Universal Design Techniques

- ⦿ Examples of what students need to be taught throughout K-12 include:
 - ⦿ Highlight and review key information points discussed in class
 - ⦿ Use more visuals when teaching (flash cards, magazines, etc)
 - ⦿ Use demonstrations as much as possible to reinforce materials
 - ⦿ Explain concepts in a variety of ways
 - ⦿ Variations in presenting knowledge about material



Resources

- ① imdetermined.org
- ① www.going-to-college.org
- ① Thinkcollege.net

"OUR ASPIRATIONS ARE OUR POSSIBILITIES."
ROBERT BROWNING

