

Alachua County Public Schools Diploma Deferment Options

The Alachua County Public Schools Transition Program is a district program which has been developed to help students with disabilities that have satisfied their graduation requirements for high school transition into post high school life. This program prepares and assists students from school to work then to adult life in the community. There are three segments in this program:

Community Based Training (CBT)	Growing Educational Training (GET)	Transition to Life
<p>Students are assessed to determine their skill levels and transition needs. The CPT program is set up to provide the maximum amount of support and adult supervision for students.</p> <p>On campus opportunities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transition skill training in the Sidney Snacks Dog Biscuit kitchen, Laundry Room, School Community Garden, and on campus learning custodial skills. ● Direct Instruction in the area of Daily Living Skills. ● Bi-monthly Community Based Instruction ● Access to Related Services, as eligible (Speech/Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy). ● Community Based Training at local businesses, up to 2 hours/days, four days/week ● Supervision will be provided by direct, small group support with lower student-adult ratios. 	<p>Students at the Horizon school site have demonstrated that they are gaining independence and are able to follow directions. Students on this campus have the opportunity to work on site and off site. Students are provided with a combination of work skills on a working farm along with life skills instruction.</p> <p>On site opportunities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Effective communication, home living, personal safety, and self-advocacy skills. Additionally problem solving and appropriate interpersonal skills will be taught. ● Students will contribute and learn from a school farm and food hub - gaining skills in horticulture, food production, food safety and nutrition, and food preparation. ● Students who show an aptitude and interest in food production and food service will be able to have an internship in ACPS food service settings and receive support to apply for a job with benefits in the Food and Nutrition Department of the school system. ● Students who are interested in agriculture will be introduced to the GROW Hub, an adjacent non-profit organization that specializes in training and employing adults with disabilities. ● Supervision will be provided by job coaches and instructors, in medium sized work groups. 	<p>Students that have moved to this segment have achieved the most independent level of the transition. Students in this program will meet their teacher at the Blount Center at Santa Fe College.</p> <p>Opportunities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students will learn how to access public transportation in order to navigate the community. ● Students will learn about services they will need in the community including Vocational Rehabilitation, The Center for Independent Living, and other adult services agencies. ● Students will be placed as volunteers at work locations in areas of interest with the expectation of acquiring paid employment. ● Supervision will be limited to phone contact and weekly visits on the job site.