

## Who are the Students in TPYA

TPYA students are young adults who are enrolled in New Hanover County Schools (NHCS) and who meet the following criteria:

- 18 to 21 years old
- Completed 4 years in a high school setting
- Receive Special Education & Related Services through an Individualized Education Program (IEP) that indicates the student is on North Carolina Extended Content Standards as their course of Study.
- Able to navigate a variety of community settings safely.



### Career Readiness Academy, At Mosley

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## TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ADULTS “TPYA”



## TPYA Profile

- New Hanover County Schools Special Education & Related Services developed the TPYA program in 1997 to serve 18-21 year old young adults with special needs.
- This unique program aligns with the mission of New Hanover County Schools to provide all students with the skills needed to “Reach, Equip, & Achieve”.
- Classrooms are located at the Career Readiness Academy, Mosley , 3702 Princess Place Drive and at Watson College of Education Building on the University of North Carolina Wilmington campus, 601 S. College Road.
- Students meet their instructors and classmates at their assigned sites.
- Students are provided their education, predominantly, within community settings.
- Educational strategies focus and support the “community classroom” concept and are designed to provide the skills necessary to function as an independent adult.

## TPYA Overview

TPYA uses action-oriented teaming as well as coordination and collaboration with families and adult service providers to develop quality training leading to a seamless transition from school to community and adult life.

TPYA includes:

- Exploring the many facets of living and working within our local community
- Exposure to as many real-life hands-on experiences as possible
- Learning to make choices
- Person-centered planning emphasizing individual strengths, gifts, and talents
- Providing individuals with the resources to create a lifestyle of their own choosing
- Providing supports with the goal of improving each individual student’s independence levels .



## What Our Young Adults Have to Say About the Program

*“TPYA is awesome! I like how the teachers are helpful to everyone and I enjoy going out in the community with my friends and learning new things like cooking, cleaning and trying to become more independent.”*  
Matthew

*“I like going on the city bus to Target and bowling. I like the fish at the Ability Garden, and I like to cook pizza at school.”* - John

*“ I like to vacuum the pit (at the Baptist Activity Center), set up chairs, put up the signs, and roll silverware out!”*  
- Greg

*“I like doing the cooking and the laundry!”*  
Sybil

*“I learned how to get to and from my job at Walmart without anyone’s help!”*  
-Larry

*“I learned how to work in a school cafeteria kitchen so that I can get a job.”* - Marquise

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