

Kilgore ISD

Transition Handbook



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Welcome to the Transition Handbook!

Welcome to the Special Education Transition Handbook! We consider it a privilege to work with you and want the best for your future.

This handbook is intended as a tool for you and your family. The resources in this handbook are designed to provide information concerning educational services, career exploration and information about many local and state agencies. It is not an all inclusive resource and there will be information that will not be applicable to your individual needs. There are no guarantees that you or your parents will receive services or support from the agencies listed. For additional information visit the Kilgore ISD Special Education Website: <http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=2031390>

If you have any questions regarding transition, please feel free to contact Kilgore Special Programs or visit our website at Kilgore ISD Special Education Department.

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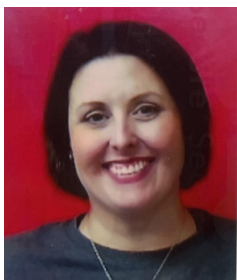
Overview of the Transition Process

Beginning at age 13, we will begin speaking with you about your future...your dreams for the future, your interests, your strengths, your needs, and any weaknesses that you think you may have. This is so that by the time you reach high school, you are better prepared to make decisions regarding educational pathways that you might want to pursue.

Over the next 4-5 years (8th-12th grade,) the Secondary Transition Coordinator, Mrs. Dowell, will meet with you yearly to discuss and update many different aspects of your transition from high school student to adult. You will revisit your dream and interest, begin looking at career options, investigate colleges and technical schools, obtain information on driver's licenses and state IDs and so much more! Our goal with transition is to help you be ready for life after graduation so that you can continue to grow and succeed as you enter the world independently as a graduate of Kilgore High School.

In addition to you, the student, Mrs. Dowell will also be communicating with your parents about the future they see for you, as well as any areas in which they think you might need assistance. We value your parent's input, and we always appreciate the opportunity to partner with families as you begin this exciting process.

A note from Mrs. Dowell



I am so very excited to get to work with you this year! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to talk to me! This process and thinking about the future can be very overwhelming! Just know that I am here for you, and you are not alone! I will be with you every step of the way!

Developmental Disabilities/Intellectual Disabilities Agencies **Contact Information**

Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADs)

<http://www.dads.state.tx.us/>

Intake Services

107 Woodbine Place
Longview, TX 75601
1-800-446-8253

Sandra Taylor, Supervisor, Community Healthcore
903-237-2368

<http://www.sabinevalley.org/>

Community Healthcore

Service Planning and Coordination

107 Woodbine Place
Longview, TX 75601
<http://www.sabinevalley.org/>

Susan Mohon, Service Coordinator 903-237-2332

Services Include:

Advocacy
Applying for SSI Benefits
Assisted Living Options
Community Support
Identifying Waiting Lists for Services
Program Identification and Evaluation
Referral to Appropriate Agencies; Life Planning; Evaluations; Guardianship
Service Coordination
Vocational Evaluation

Independent Living Assistance

Adult Day Care

Stay the Day Adult Activity Center
2015 Longview Dr.
Henderson, TX 75652
903-655-0874

Emmanuel Adult Activity Center
205 E. Hwy 80
White Oak, TX 75693
903-315-8302

The Spring House Adult Day Activity/Health Center
3839 Gilmer Rd.
Longview, TX 75604
903-295-1237

Best Friends Activity Center
503 S. Green St.
Longview, TX 75601
903-753-1795

Garrett's Health Care Services, LLC
1670 FM 2906
Longview, TX 75603
903-754-4640

ARC of Gregg Co.
601 Boyd
Longview, TX 75601
903-753-0723

Group Homes

Pine Hollow Home
2700 Spruce St.
Kilgore, TX 75662
903-983-1821

Sceyne Community Home
805 Sceyne Rd.
Kilgore, TX 75662
903-983-3679

Community Healthcore (Residential Services)
P.O. Box 6800
Longview, TX 75608
903-237-2345

Texas Workforce Commission Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Elaine Thacker, Transition Counselor
903-533-7089
903-935-5106 (fax)
martha.thacker@twc.state.tx.us

2124 Alpine Road
Longview, Texas 75691

Driver's License

There are different ways to obtain a driver's license. You may begin taking the driver's education course at 14 in preparation to get your learner's permit at 15. The course may be taken anytime though, before your 18th birthday. After 18, you still must take a course, but it is only a one day course. Options for these courses are as follows:

1. Driver's education class from a business. These can be found in Longview, Tyler, Henderson, and we do have one in Kilgore. The Kilgore contact information is:

Mr. D's Driving Center
507 E. Kay St.
Kilgore, TX 75662
903 984-3843
www.mrdsdrivingcenter.com
mrdsdrivingcenter@gmail.com

2. Parents can act as the instructor for a driver's education program. Information for this may be found at:
<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/driverlicense/parenttaught.htm>