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Did You Know?

What is a Summary of Performance (SOP)?

If your child is a graduating Senior this year, you should expect to get this document, either at their Graduation ARD or, if their graduation ARD has already been held, sometime late in the Spring Semester. This important document lists current functioning in key academic, vocational, and life skills areas. It also lists "essential accommodations" used to help improve functioning in those areas. Students can provide the disability services and program staff at their college or university with their SOP as evidence of effective accommodations.

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E4Texas is a post-secondary opportunity for people who have graduated from high school, or have a GED, and want to be a Personal Care Attendant, Child Care Associate or Paraprofessional/Teaching Assistant. The E4Texas experience combines classroom instruction with practical career building experiences in addition to independent living skills and self-determination.

Deadline to apply is January 31, 2023.

Learn More and Apply

Community Connections

Westlake is proud to once again host the **Best Buddies Friendship Walk on Saturday, April 15th at Chap Stadium!** This is a Central Texas event that spreads the Best Buddies mission of inclusion throughout our surrounding communities. Each of our Eanes Chapters will be creating a team, so be on the lookout for information on how to join soon!

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Parent Training Opportunities Save these Dates!



Eanes ISD is once again partnering with our surrounding Central Texas School Districts to offer the

Destination...Life Transition

Conference. We hope to see you there *in-person* at McNeil High School on March 4, 2023!

Best Buddies Parent Training Series

Our friends at Best Buddies Texas are hosting a series of Virtual Parent Trainings on topics such as Employment, Transition Resources, Financial Planning, and more! You can get dates and register for sessions by clicking here.



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Texas Transition Conference

The Texas Transition Conference will be held February 15-17th in Denton, TX. This 3 day event is sponsored by TAMU's College of Education and Human Development and provides parents and professionals an opportunity to learn more about student-focused planning, family involvement, interagency collaboration, and more! There are options to attend virtually or in-person. although inperson attendance is limited. Learn more here.

Agency Connections

Texas Workforce Solutions

Texas Workforce Solutions is a state agency focused on helping people with disabilities find and maintain employment in their preferred field. For students as young as 14, they offer Pre-ETS (pre-employment transition services) to assist with development of self-advocacy, career exploration, post-secondary options, work readiness training, and workforce experiences. If you are interested in making a referral to TWS for your child, please contact your student's case manager.