



## Become a Partner

Bridges currently collaborates with community partners including Hat Creek Burger Company, Chili's, H.E.B., Schlotsky's, IHOP, Goodwill, Academy Sports and Outdoors Mel's Lone Star Lanes, 5 Below, Double Dave's Pizzaworks, YMCA, Angie's Discount Grocery, Georgetown Rec Center, Aldi, Meals on Wheels, Georgetown Public Library, San Gabriel Presbyterian Church, and Palace Theatre that serve as intern/volunteer sites for the Bridges' students.

We are always looking for more community partners! If your business is interested in participating in vocational training with Georgetown Independent School District, please reach out to Eden Guthrie- GISD Bridges 18+ Special Education Coordinator.



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## Let's Connect

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# GISD BRIDGES

Bridges is GISD's 18+ transition program. The Bridges program is provided as part of FAPE (Free and Appropriate Public Education) for students with disabilities who meet eligibility. The services are geared toward the student's transition from high school to adult life. Instead of focusing on academic curriculum, which the student has already completed, these services focus on the domains of adult life: employment, lifelong learning, community access, and independent living.

18+ services support each student in:

- Building a sustainable adult schedule
- Increasing independence
- Learning the functional skills needed to meet postsecondary goals
- Eliminating barriers to employment and community access
- Fading school supports while developing natural/paid supports

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18+ services provides vocational skills instruction through the work-based learning model.

Students receive vocational skills training through a combination of classroom instruction and campus-based work experiences, service-based experiences at volunteer sites, and/or non-paid internships at jobs sites in the community.

Students are able to experience various work tasks and environments and gain employability skills that are transferable among a variety of jobs.

Students at Bridges also learn independent living skills such as laundry, grocery and retail shopping, cooking, medical care, banking, different housing options, and leisure activities.

Bridges' students are also provided with experiences to expand their knowledge of their community resources such as exploring downtown and shopping centers, taking public transportation, using library and postal services, as well as public and individual safety.

Students attending Bridges explore different college programs available for students with disabilities and are provided with opportunities for college tours.

Additionally, Bridges students engage in business enterprises and entrepreneurship on and off campus. They are involved with candle, card, and soap making, jewelry, t-shirts, woodworking, horticulture, homemade salsa, as well as aprons, dishtowels, and pot holders with saucy sayings. They run a coffee cart, used at special events around the district and have opened "Bridges Boutique" to sell their products to the community.

**Open:**

**Wed, Thurs, & Fri**

**9:30-1:30**

**closed for lunch 11:30-12:00**

## Future Ready Complex

The future-ready complex approved in the most recent bond election will become the new home for Bridges and provide opportunities for these students to connect with the community and collaborate with many other programs in our district, like Career and Technical Education.

