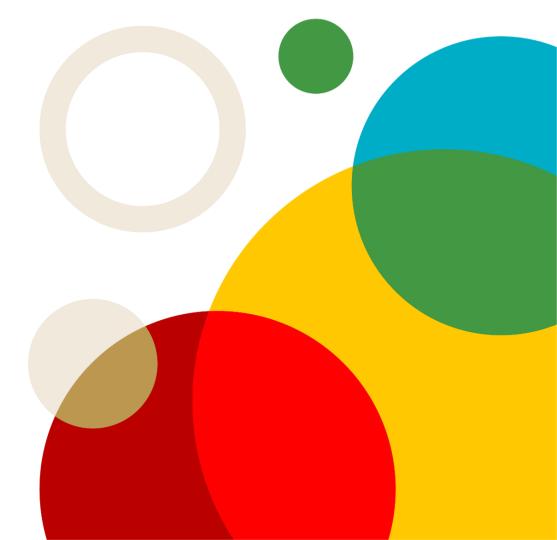


Next Step School Showcase

Nicole Loch, Next Step Administrator May 9, 2024







Next Step Transition Program Wash

Special Education Program serving students with identified needs in the transition areas of post-secondary education/training, employment and independent living

- Two learning communities: Next Step and Pathways
- 97 students receiving services in 2023-24
- 20 students graduating this year (majority of students ending services/graduating before 'age out')
- Currently planning to serve 89-93 students in the 2024-25 school year

Highlights of the 2023-24 School Year

- Staff focus on high-impact instructional strategies – AVID and Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching (CLRT)
- Expansion of the Work Experience Team
- May Events







High-impact Instructional Strategies and Rigor

- Second year of collaboration with Teaching and Learning
- 'Best Practice' program-wide professional development and Professional Learning Community (PLC) focus on AVID/CLRT strategies in a specialized instructional setting
 - AVID/CLRT Walkthroughs









Expansion of the Work Experience Team

- Work Experience Team is made up of four Work Coordinators and five Job Coach/Paraprofessional across the two learning communities
- Additional vans to support logistics of getting students to employment experiences within the community
- In June of 2023, the state changed the age of eligibility to the age of 22 (last day of eligibility is the day before 22nd birthday)
 - This can add up to an additional school year of eligibility
- How does this additional time change outcomes?
 - Strong focus on employment
 - Strong focus on inter-agency partnerships





May Events



May 2[:] New Student Meet and Greet

 Staff welcomed new students and families joining our learning community in the 2024-25 school year

May 22[:] Resource Fair

- Educational and connection event
- Special focus on 14-22 transition, including a panel discussion on interagency involvement during the transition years

May 30 Next Step Graduation

Oltman Middle School Auditorium

