



# Next Step School Showcase

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## Next Step Transition Program

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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

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# 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



Questions?