

TRANSITION CENTER LEAP PROGRAM

The LEAP Program:

“When you change the way you see things, the things you see will change.”

- Thomas Pomeranz



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Classroom Curriculum is composed of practical skills in 20 selected areas:

1. Managing Personal Finances
2. Selecting and Managing a Household
3. Caring for Personal Needs
4. Demonstrating Relationship Responsibilities
5. Buying, Preparing, and Consuming Food
6. Buying and Caring for Clothing
7. Exhibiting Responsible Citizenship
8. Utilizing Recreational Facilities and Engaging in Leisure Activities
9. Choosing and Accessing Transportation
10. Understanding Self Determination
11. Self-Awareness
12. Developing Interpersonal Skills
13. Communicating With Others
14. Making Good Decisions
15. Developing Social Awareness
16. Understanding Disability Rights and Responsibilities
17. Knowing and Exploring Employment Possibilities
18. Exploring Employment Choices
19. Seeking, Securing, and Maintaining Employment
20. Exhibiting Appropriate Employment Skills

The curriculum is designed to empower students to lead rich, full self-directed lives in spite of challenges such as Autism, Intellectual disabilities or other disabilities.

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*Changing the World—
 One Student at a Time*

*Preparing students for lives of
 meaning and value by:*

- *Increasing Self-reliance,*
- *Developing Skills and*
- *Promoting Belonging.*

LEAP

LIFE EDUCATION AND PREPARATION

The LEAP program prepares special education students (after 12th grade) to live and work independently. Practical academic, vocational and living skills are taught in a classroom. Those skills are practiced and reinforced in community settings. Students are engaged in a rigorous life skills curriculum while gaining and maintaining volunteer or paid employment, and traveling independently throughout the community.



LEAP students will develop knowledge and experience using a Life Skills curriculum that includes employment skills, daily living skills, and interpersonal skills. Students gain work experience at training and paid employment sites. Students become proficient in using the bus system to get to and from their job sites and to access the community for personal activities. Combining work experience, travel skills, and LEAP's academic education, our students are prepared to integrate successfully into the community and lead positive, fulfilling and productive lives.

Community work experience is utilized by students to practice employment skills taught in the classroom and on real job-sites.

Volunteer site partners include but are not limited to:

- Kimbell Art Museum
- Fort Worth Museum of Science and History
- Fort Worth Library
- TAFB Community Garden
- Aids Outreach Center
- Animal Hope
- Catholic Charities
- Community Food Bank
- Goodwill
- JPS Hospital
- Methodist Missions
- YWCA
- UNT Health Science Center

