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Youth Employment Network (YEN) Programs

The Youth Employment Network is part of the Long Beach Unified School District's Office of School Support Services (SSS). A primary focus of YEN is providing a variety of work-based learning experiences, both paid & unpaid, to students in the special education program.

WorkAbility1 (WA1) Program

- Can obtain academic credit and/or earn wages for community work experiences
- 1:1 help with postsecondary goals such as education, employment & independent living
- Job coaching assistance as needed
- Mobility/Destination training
- Assessments that reveal student strengths, preferences & interests to aid in choosing rewarding career paths
- Connection to TPP, the adult transition program (ACT) & partner agencies that match student interests & needs
- Some benefits available even at the middle school level!
- IEP required for services

Transition Partnership Program

- Can earn close to $5,000 in wages each school year via paid internship
- Can participate in a variety of paid internships based on availability
- 1:1 help with postsecondary education & employment goals
- Diverse range of lessons & topics that students can choose from
- Participants will learn how to create a resume, interview, self-advocate, create realistic goals, etc.
- Simultaneous enrollment with the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), which can provide support years after graduation
- Must be at least 16 years old

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The goal of the Middle School & High School WorkAbility1 program is to offer:

- ✓ Vocational Interest Profiles
- ✓ Career Guidance
- ✓ Development of Realistic Goals
- ✓ Pre-Employment Training
- ✓ Short-term Job Placement
- ✓ Work Site Monitoring
- ✓ High School Credit for Work Experience
- ✓ Post-Secondary Education Options
- ✓ Referral to Community Service Agencies

LBUSD WorkAbility1 staff is committed to ensuring that students receiving special education services through an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) have access to career exploration activities. By fostering the involvement of students, parents/guardians, educators, agencies and the larger community, we assist students in preparing for a successful transition to adult life.

The goal of the Transition Partnership Program (TPP) is to offer:

- ✓ Job Exploration Counseling
- ✓ Workplace Readiness Training
- ✓ Work-Based Learning Experiences, including Paid Work Experiences
- ✓ Instruction in Self-Advocacy
- ✓ Post-Secondary Education Counseling

Together with the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), the LBUSD TPP staff work jointly to provide student services and customized support resulting in effective employment, education, and independent living outcomes for individuals with disabilities. Students are served until they exit high school, unless specified otherwise. Upon graduation, students can seek out comparable services from the Department of Rehabilitation directly.