

Thomas County Schools Transition Resources

 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA To attend a 4 year College or University	The University System of Georgia's minimum requirements for admission to a 4 year college or university: • 2 units of the same foreign language, 2 units of computer science or sign language • 4 English credits • 4 Math credits • 4 Science credits • 3 Social Studies credits GPA and SAT requirements for each College or University may be found: https://www.usg.edu/assets/student_affairs/documents/USG_Admission_Requirements.pdf
 GVRA GEORGIA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCY	GVRA operates five programs that share a primary goal -- to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment. The largest of the programs is Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), Disability Adjudication Services and the Roosevelt Warm Springs. Two other unique divisions serve consumers with visual impairments -- the Business Enterprise Program and Georgia Industries for the Blind.
	Project SEARCH is a one year transition-to-work program which provides training and education leading to employment for individuals with disabilities. Interns learn employable job skills through on-the job training at Archbold Medical Center. Interns complete three 10 week internships. Georgia Vocational rehabilitation and Easter Seals provide support to the interns through the program in a variety of ways, such as Drivers Education and funding for uniforms.
CHOICE Program 	The Choice Program is a joint enrollment program between Thomas County Schools and Southern Regional Technical College that allows for selected students with IEP's to enroll in various classes at Southern Regional Technical College. Seniors who participate in the Choice program have the opportunity to earn credit for both Thomas County Schools and Southern Regional Technical College if they earn a passing grade in both. Students are able to receive vocational credit toward graduation at TCCHS, Bishop Hall, and/or The Renaissance Center. The Choice Program is designed to support the students in a career/trade area, enabling them to acquire entry level job skills through participation in the learning environment and allowing students to explore various occupational clusters at Southern Regional Technical College.
	The Roosevelt Academy provides opportunities for students with disabilities to gain skills and independence. Graduates may enter Employment Planning and Job Placement Activities, our on-campus Career & Technical Education program of study, or they may pursue further education in a college. Certified Nursing Assistant, Forklift and Warehousing, Horticulture, Internet Computing Core, Master Certification of Microsoft Office, Robotics, Low-Voltage Wiring, Print Shop, Auto-Body and Industrial Painting, Bulldozing, Excavating, and 3-D Printing
	<u>Adult Day Program</u> Easterseals offers adults with disabilities the opportunity to live, learn, work and play as a vital member of their own community. Our Adult Day Program ensures that people with developmental disabilities experience valued roles in the community by providing services and training that supports individual choices and opportunities. The program operates five days a week. Individuals meet at the Easter Seals center for opening organizational activities and then go in groups of three or four to community based activities based on individual preference and ISP goals. Weekly plans are developed with individual input. The goal is to have a staff ratio of one staff member to four individuals. <u>Respite/Family Support</u> Respite is time limited, temporary relief provided to the primary caregiver of individuals with a disability. Respite allows families, who may otherwise be homebound, the opportunity to enjoy a well deserved break. This service is designed to relieve families/caregivers of the physical or emotional stress associated with caring for an individual with disabilities. Family Support is a broad based category that serves children and adults, ages 3 and up, who have mental retardation/developmental disabilities and autism. The goal of family support is to keep families together, until the individual with a disability chooses to live independently. Family support is designed to improve the quality of supports to families, while minimizing the need and cost of out of home placements. Respite/Family Support services are available to residents in 54 counties in Southern Georgia. <u>Megan's House</u>

	Megan's House is a respite home for children ages 0-17 who have developmental disabilities, autism, or are medically fragile. Direct care is provided by qualified, experienced Direct Support Professional and individualized care plans are developed by the Registered Nurse on staff. Megan's House is available for a minimum of 24 hours to a maximum of two weeks per visit and may serve up to two children at one time. Services are provided in three locations, Albany, Valdosta and Waycross. <u>Champions for Children Program</u> The Champions for Children Program is designed to primarily assist children and families who do not meet the eligibility requirements for the TEFRA/Katie Beckett Medicaid program.
	The Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education Consortium (GAIPSEC) seeks to create opportunities for students who have historically not had access to post-secondary educational opportunities. Members of the Consortium are committed to providing information and training resources for individuals, families, colleges & universities, and agencies to achieve the goal of inclusive PSE opportunities for all. • Kennesaw State University Academy for Inclusive Learning • East Georgia College CHOICE program • EXCEL Program at Georgia Tech • GOALS program at Columbus State • Destination Dawgs at University of Georgia • IDEAL program at Georgia State University • LEAP program at Albany Technical College • Eagle Academy Georgia Southern University • Project Wolves University of West Georgia
	Job Corps is a no-cost education and career technical training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps young people ages 16 to 24 improve the quality of their lives through career technical and academic training. The Job Corps program is authorized by Title I-C of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (supersedes WIA 1998). Job Corps offers hands-on career technical training in high-growth industries and can also help you get a GED or high school diploma if you don't already have one.

Post-Secondary Plans

If you plan to:

- Attend a Technical College in Georgia-sign up to take the Accuplacer
- Attend a 4 year college or university-sign up to take the SAT/ACT
- Join the military- sign up to take the ASVAB

Are you interested in taking a Driver's Education course to help you get your Georgia Instructional Permit (Learner's License)?

Talk to Kinneer/Finch about taking the class.