

Planning for Transitions

The College-Career Support Services Team can provide a variety of services to help support your child as he progresses with his educational career. Transition can refer to a variety of experiences; early childhood to kindergarten transitions, grade level transitions, building transitions and transitioning into adulthood. Students require different levels of support to have successful transitions. It is important to work with the school team to develop a plan if your child needs individualized transition supports.

Research shows that one of the primary ingredients for successful transition experiences throughout a child's school career is...your involvement. Parent involvement both in partnership with your school and at home has been identified as one of the constant primary ingredients for student success. In preparation for transitions parents can:

- Speak with your children about the transition, visit the new classroom/building, allow them an opportunity to share their thoughts, hopes, fears, concerns and ideas about what might help support them in the time of transition.
- Speak with your school to identify what supports and activities are planned for your child, their peers, and yourself. If you are able to participate at the school in any capacity, do so!

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If you have questions regarding your child's transition please contact the teacher of record. You may also contact your child's school counselor.