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The Six District Educational Compact provides services to students with disabilities who are enrolled in Career Programs and College Tech Prep initiatives. Teachers, counselors and others, along with the Career/Technical Special Education Coordinator, work with students and parents to plan and implement specific goals, objectives and transition activities in the Career Programs and College Tech Prep initiatives to meet the students' individual needs. The Coordinator acts as a liaison within the Compact schools for the purposes of communication, collaboration and program supports to address the students' strengths and concerns in both career and academic areas.

Career Assessment

The Six District Educational Compact's Career Assessment Center, located at the David Bacon Building in Tallmadge, helps students understand their career interests, learning styles, aptitudes, abilities and employability skills. Mobile evaluations are available for students who have block scheduling or limited access to the Center.

A parent conference is scheduled where a descriptive transition plan is shared. This is provided along with other valuable information to aid the student, parent and home school staff in setting clear and realistic career goals.

Occupational Work-Study

The Work-Study Program is a related service offered to students with special needs at the high school level. Participants must currently be on an Individual Educational Plan (IEP). Students have the opportunity to earn elective school credit and receive wages while working in the community. The Work-Study Program encourages students to develop good work habits and a positive attitude toward employment.

The Work-Study Coordinator acts as a liaison within the Compact schools for the purposes of collaboration and communication among the students, school personnel, parents and the employers in the community. The Coordinator provides a continuum of services to promote transition from the school environment to the world of work.

Option 4/Job Training Services

Option 4/Job Training programs help students with disabilities make a successful transition from school to the world of work through hands-on experiences in real-work settings. The Six District Educational Compact offers two models of job training services. One program provides students with Job Training Coordination in community work settings. Students within two years of leaving school may apply for Job Training Coordination.

Project Search, the second program, is a site-based job training opportunity located at Summa Health System. Students who have completed their academic credentials may apply for Project Search.

In addition to work and employability skills gained through participation in both programs, students also focus on attaining a Career Passport, networking with adult services agencies and transition planning for post-secondary opportunities and support. Candidates for Option 4 programs should demonstrate good attendance, be dependable and be able to get along with others, as well as demonstrate a strong work ethic as indicated in pre-employment school-based or community-based work experiences.