



The Detroit-Wayne County Project SEARCH Collaborative is a formal partnership of agencies that have come together to help students with disabilities find work.

What are you going to do after you leave school?

Do you want to make money?

Do you want a chance to work with a well-known employer?

Project SEARCH may be right for you!

To find out more -

Go to www.consumerlink.org and click on the Project SEARCH logo

Ask your Teacher or Transition Specialist at Detroit Public Schools

Call S.T.E.P. at 313-267-9777

Detroit-Wayne County Project SEARCH

Criteria for Project SEARCH

High School Transition Program

- Be at least 18 years of age and have completed ALL high school credits necessary for graduation
- Agree that this will be the last year of student services, and will accept diploma or Certificate of Completion at the end of the school year.
- Meet eligibility requirements for Michigan Rehabilitation Services and/or Michigan Commission for the Blind.
- Meet eligibility requirements for persons with developmental disabilities and be enrolled in ConsumerLink Network
- Have independent personal hygiene & grooming skills
- Maintain appropriate behavior in the workplace
- Take direction from supervisors & change behavior as needed
- Be able to communicate effectively
- Utilize public transportation & participate in travel training
- Previous experience in a work environment (including school, volunteer, and paid work) is preferred.
- Ability to pass drug screen, background check & immunizations must be up to date in addition to any other requirements specific to the internship site
- Desire & plan to work competitively in the community at the conclusion of the program

What is Project SEARCH?

Project SEARCH is a one year, high school transition program which provides training and education leading to employment for individuals with disabilities. Project SEARCH serves as an alternative for students in their last year of high school.

Adults with disabilities may apply and be accepted if there is space available. All students (high school and adult) must be eligible for services with Michigan Rehabilitation Services and/or Michigan Bureau of Services for Blind Persons.

The student learns job specific skills while having the opportunity to put employability skills into practice. Students participate in monthly progress meetings to define their career goals and plan necessary steps to achieve that goal.

For five days a week, students report to the host business, learn employability skills in the classroom and job skills while participating in a variety of internships/experiences. Managers at the internship sites work with the Project SEARCH staff to support the students during the day. Students get continual feedback from the internship manager, co-workers and Project SEARCH staff. Each program has a certified special education teacher and job coaches that work with both the students and the business staff. Students end their day by reflection, problem solving, planning and journaling their key learnings. The ultimate goal upon program completion and graduation is utilizing the skills learned in the internships and throughout the program.