



What is the Macon-Piatt Special Education Vocational Program?

The Macon-Piatt Special Education Vocational Program is a work experience program for all Special Education students. It helps the student find opportunities to work within the community while they are enrolled in high school.

Who can participate?

The MPSED Vocational Program is for high school students:

- Currently receiving Special Education services
- May or may not be enrolled in a work related course earning high school credit

How does the program work?

There are five distinct stages through which the student must progress. The stages were developed to help the students acquire the necessary skills to gain, and maintain, competitive employment.

What are the stages?

Stage 1: Students *skill-train* at tasks within the classroom, on-campus or within the community.

Stage 2: Students *train* at sites on-campus or within the community, with **direct supervision** by Job Coach or training site staff. Training includes custodial, food service, classroom helper, secretarial, etc.

Stage 3: Student trains at sites on-campus or in the community, with **indirect supervision** by Job Coach or training site staff. (Ex: classroom helper, St. Mary's, Subway, Richland) Begins work during school hours.

Stage 4: Student and Vocational Coordinator are still working on fine tuning some "job" skills in preparation for community based employment.

Stage 5: Student *finds own job* with or without assistance from the Vocational Coordinator. Work hours as required by employer. Vocational Coordinator may act as liaison between student and employer if needed.



Educational staff at each participating high school works cooperatively with MPSED staff to provide individualized quality programs for the students.

Employers, students, parents and educational staff work as a team to help students become competitively employed in their community.



Vocational education programs have made a real difference in the lives of countless young people nationwide; they build self-confidence and leadership skills by allowing students to utilize their unique gifts and talents.

-Conrad Burns



Participating schools:

- Argenta-Oreana High School
- Bement High School
- Central A & M High School
- Cerro Gordo High School
- Deland-Weldon High School
- Eisenhower High School
- Futures Unlimited
- MacArthur High School
- Meridian High School
- Maroa-Forsyth High School
- Monticello High School
- Mt. Zion High School
- Sangamon Valley High School
- SEAP
- Warrensburg-Latham High School

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*A Vocational
School-To-Work
Program*