

What is the RI Transition Academy at WBC?

The RI Transition Academy at West Bay Collaborative is an alternative high school program for 18 to 21 year-old students with disabilities that provides classroom and community instruction in an adult learning environment.

The program, based on a college campus, the Villa Del Rio Apartments, and in various community settings, utilizes a student-centered approach in teaching functional academics, independent living skills, self-advocacy, community involvement, and the skills necessary for seeking, obtaining and maintaining employment– the skills necessary for a successful satisfying life beyond high school.



Most students participate for one school year. However, based on need and IEP Team recommendation, a student may return for an additional year.

We are a unique educational experience happening on a college campus, Villa Del Rio Apartments, in our partner businesses, and in the community that is RI!

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**A Program of the West Bay
Collaborative Regional Transition
Center**

At the RI Transition Academy at WBC, students will...

- ◇ gain the **vocational skills and confidence** to get a job or keep a job with minimal or time limited supports;
- ◇ acquire **the functional and daily living skills** necessary to reach their



The Transition Academy at WBC is located on a college campus.

potential independence;

- ◇ reinforce and improve functional **academic skills** to be better

prepared for the workplace or post secondary training programs;

- ◇ develop the **social skills and self-confidence** to find success with inter-

personal relationships at work and at home;

- ◇ develop **confidence, self-advocacy skills, and self-awareness** to know the rights and responsibilities of adulthood, know themselves, and know how to seek assistance if needed.



Who should apply to the RI Transition Academy at WBC?

Students who...

- *Are 18-21 years-old, have an IEP and are currently enrolled in school;*
- *Are eligible for services from the RI Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS);*
- *Are not prepared to graduate but want to leave the high school building or graduate with peers;*
- *Are motivated to attend and fully participate in program activities;*
- *Can follow the rules and expectations of a college setting*

The Application Process

- * IEP Team (student, parent, school personnel, ORS Counselor and others) determine need for continued services and recommend making application to the program
- * Application packet is completed and mailed from the district special education office
- * Students are interviewed by program personnel
- * Admission is not guaranteed



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