

# Job Ready. Life Ready.

## NEWS AND VIEWS

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"Every one of my kids is walking out of my class with a resume."

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act ("WIOA") is "really an opportunity to reform the public workforce system," Victoria Rice Campbell, [Transition Coordinator, Monroeville, PA.](#)

"In the past, public schools used to be responsible only for getting the students to graduation, and then the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation would step in to place them in jobs. As part of the new [WIOA] requirements, the instructors start working with students on things such as resume writing and interview skills when they are 14. Eventually, they work their way to an internship, where they get actual experience working in a public setting with job coaches nearby. The ultimate goal is to place them in a paid job after they graduate at age 21." [Read more here](#)

### What is WIOA?

Congress has determined many students with disabilities are leaving school without competitive integrated employment (or being enrolled in postsecondary education), and there is a need to support these students as they transition from school to postsecondary life.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) must work in collaboration with local educational agencies to provide pre-employment transition services for all students with disabilities in need of these services.



## Pre-ETS Requirements

*These are the 5 key components that make up Pre-ETS:*

1. **Job Environment Counseling**
2. **Work-based Learning Experiences**
3. **Counseling on Post-Secondary Opportunities**
4. **Workplace Readiness Training**
5. **Training on Self-Advocacy**

[\(Click here for detailed explanation of each category\)](#)

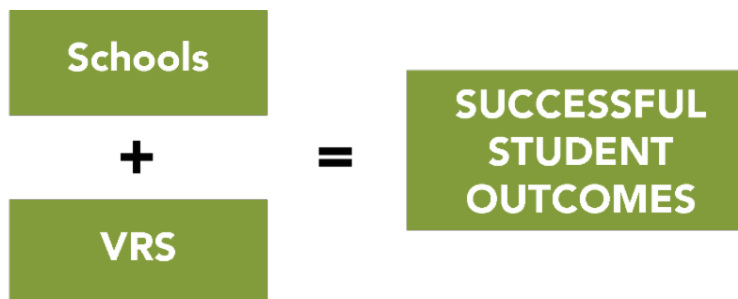
## What WIOA Pre-ETS Is Not

Nothing in WIOA is to be construed as reducing the responsibility of local educational agencies under IDEA to provide or pay for transition services.

Schools will continue to receive IDEA funds and will continue to provide transition services to their students.

Under WIOA, the Vocational Rehab Counselor will work with the schools to identify students who are in need of VR services and to facilitate these students' application for VR services.

Collaboration is the key. WIOA Pre-ETS is designed to supplement, not supplant IDEA, therefore schools and VRS will be working together more than ever before to assure student success in postsecondary outcomes.





## WIOA Pre-ETS Solutions for Success for ALL Students

- Classroom instruction that allows for career exploration and job skill development is essential in a student's movement from school to the community.
- Career exploration needs to be both varied and progressive.
- Jobs and careers explored in the classroom need to relate to opportunities found in the greater community.
- Instruction needs to be engaging and utilize elements that support learning of ALL student ability levels.
- Evidence-based strategies must be included to increase the likelihood of successful outcomes for students with disabilities.
- Soft-skills training including independent living skills, job search skills, self-advocacy, time management, and conflict resolution need to be addressed.

[Read more on WIOA Pre-ETS Solutions for Success](#)

## WIOA in the Works:

*Learn how states, schools and agencies are addressing WIOA's Pre-Employment Transition Services*



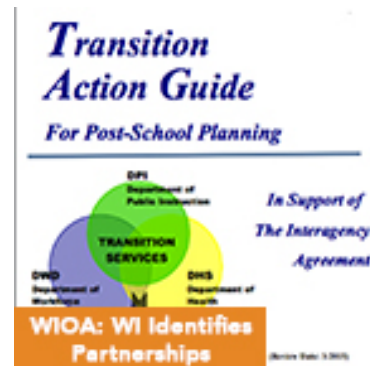
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WIOA: Collaboration for Student Success



WIOA: WI Identifies Partnerships

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