

General Information

Our Students

Students in the LEAD Program are young adults age 18 to 22 transitioning into independent life in the community. Our students have a wide range of strengths, interests, and personalities that are developed through a variety of individualized lessons, assessments, and internships. To meet the diverse needs of our multifaceted population, our students are provided with varying degrees of supports and therapies. A continuum of services is offered that is a collaboration of students, families, school, and the community.

Our Curriculum

The curriculum includes conventional lesson plans such as *Explore Your Community*, *Get a Job*, *Acting out Workplace Social Skills*, *Job Web*, *Job Ads* and *Career Paths*. Other lessons are personally designed depending on the needs of the individual student.

The LEAD Program curriculum focuses on challenging academics, social skills, health and wellness, and activities of daily living that will help promote self confidence and self-esteem while promoting independence.

Academics

Market Math, Money Management, Financial Goals, Budgeting, Savings and Checking accounts, Paying Bills, English Language Arts, Business Letters, Expository Writing, Persuasive Writing and Speaking, Media, Current Events, National and Global News, Technology, Facts -vs- opinion, Fine Arts, Task Management, Creative Problem Solving

Activities of Daily Living

Self Management, Health and Wellness, Safety, Time Management / Scheduling, Shopping, Cooking, Laundry, Household Living

Social

Adolescent Relations, Dating, Manners

Residential Options

Independent Living, Group Options, Adult Service Agencies, Community Support

Vocational Training

The Norwood Public Schools is committed to enhancing the transitional outcomes of all students. The LEAD program offers vocational training to help develop the skills required to be successful in the adult working world. Job Coaches assist the students with finding and maintaining employment, as well as reinforcing skill acquisition with classroom pre-vocational activities. The LEAD program also offers:

- Career Exploration
- Vocational Assessment
- Interest Inventory
- Career Portfolio
- Skill Development
- Employment in the Community
- Job Survival Skills

If you are an employer who would like to partner up with the LEAD program to help enhance the lives of young people in your community please call us at (781) 440-5835.

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