



# High School Special Education

Presentation to the Board of Education

Smithtown Central School District

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# Special Education: Kindergarten-12th Grade

- ❖ Related Services
- ❖ Resource Room
- ❖ Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT)
- ❖ Special Class
- ❖ RISE (K-5)/FAMP (6-8)/FAST (9-12)
- ❖ Out-of-District Programs
- ❖ Private and Parochial
- ❖ Extended School Year Program
- ❖ Summer Offerings
- ❖ CPSE



# The Purpose of an IEP

An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is a tool that ensures student access to the general education curriculum.

The IEP provides a synopsis of the student and what supports and opportunities will be provided to the student for success in school, which include:

- ❖ Present Levels of Educational Performance (PLEPs)
- ❖ Goals that focus on areas of concern
- ❖ Programs and related services
- ❖ Accommodations and modifications for classroom instruction and assessments
- ❖ Secondary post-transition





# Opportunity & Inclusiveness

- ❖ Meeting Students at Current Levels:
  - Potential
  - Providing opportunity
  - Fair and appropriate support
  
- ❖ Our students have opportunities to continue to build their skills academically, physically, and socially
  
- ❖ Inclusiveness
  
- ❖ Experiences





Students will be exposed to various skills that can lead to a trade/vocation.

The students are taught skills to assist them in the workforce.

## PAES

# Practical Assessment Exploration System

Appropriate behavior at work



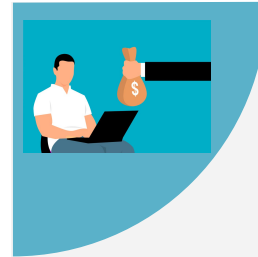
Interactions with employees and employers



Organizational skills & following instructions



Understanding that hard work leads to success





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## LEAP

# Leading and Educating Young Adults to Prosper

- Worksite Training
- Community Integration
- Company Tours
- Travel Training Opportunities
- Community Service Projects
- Business Enterprise Opportunities



### On Job Training





# Transition to Adult Services

## OPWDD

### Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

#### Meeting:

District Transition  
Coordinator and  
Work Care  
Coordinator when  
Applying



#### Goal:

Those who qualify  
for OPWDD gain  
access to their  
services early



#### Services Provided:

- ❖ Employment
- ❖ Day Services
- ❖ Housing
- ❖ Self Direction
- ❖ Crisis Services



#### Family Support

#### Services:

Many programs are  
offered to support  
families





## Post Secondary Transition Services

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## ACCES-VR

# Adult Career & Continuing Education Services - Vocational Rehabilitation

- ❖ Students with disabilities
- ❖ Assist with achieving and maintaining employment
- ❖ Support independent living
- ❖ Career development
- ❖ Special transportation
- ❖ Work readiness
- ❖ Job coaching
- ❖ Occupational and business licenses
- ❖ On the job training and more.....



- ❖ \*Senior meeting with the Transition Coordinator
  - Application and assistance with next steps





## Where are “WE” going?

- ❖ Review of high school educational opportunities
- ❖ Continue to expand vocational opportunities for our students
- ❖ Refine our support systems for children struggling with school attendance
- ❖ Utilization and access to in-district Behavioral Consultant
- ❖ Unified sports





“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.” —Helen Keller

