

Purpose

Project SEARCH Miami is a business led, one-year Transition Program designed for students with disabilities who are in their last year of high school. The project targets students whose main goal is employment, and who will benefit from full time career exploration in a business setting. The program is implemented through a partnership with support and resources from M-DCPS, the City of Miami, Vocational Rehabilitation, and agencies providing job coaching and job development services. Through this program, students will not only develop the tools necessary for employment, but will also develop skills needed for self determination, self management and self advocacy.



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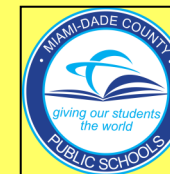
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Work Experience Transition Program for Students with Disabilities



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What is Project SEARCH

Project SEARCH Miami is a unique business-led transition program designed for students with disabilities pursuing a Special Diploma or accessing a modified curriculum. It is targeted for students whose main goal is employment and will benefit from career exploration. The cornerstone of the one school-year program is immersion into local government in the City of Miami Administration. Individualized job development and placement occurs based on the student's experiences, strengths, and skills. Students are given support with accommodations, adaptations and on-the-job coaching. Elective credits can be awarded for successful completion of Project SEARCH Miami. The program is located at:

City of Miami Riverside Center
444 SW 2 Avenue
Miami, FL 33130

Eligibility Criteria

Students must:

Desire to work competitively in the community at the end of the program

Be 18-21 years of age

Have completed high schools credits necessary for graduation

Meet eligibility requirements for Florida Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

Have independent hygiene and grooming skills

Maintain appropriate work behaviors and social skills in the workplace

Be able to access public transportation (travel training provided by program)

Be able to take redirection from Project SEARCH and City of Miami staff

Be able to communicate effectively

Possible Worksite Experiences

- Clerical Support
- Filing
- Phone Skills
- Computer Skills
- Scanning/Imaging
- Data Entry
- Mail Room work and delivery
- Receptionist
- Duplicating
- Janitorial Skills



PROJECT SEARCH

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Program Goals

- ⇒ To provide a smooth transition from high school to work that allows for on-the-job training.
- ⇒ To allow students to learn employability and job skills while participating in a variety of administrative worksite rotations which leads to competitive employment.
- ⇒ To provide a learning environment that allows students who are 18-22 years of age to learn and grow socially among their peers.
- ⇒ To provide students with the needed support for job seeking and job development that will assist in successful job placement
- ⇒ To assist students in working toward independence in many areas such as transportation, daily living skills, adult thinking processes, teamwork and social relationships.

