Purpose

Project SEARCH Hialeah 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 MDCPS, the City of Hialeah, 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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Work Experience Transition Program for Students with Disabilities

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If TTY assistance is needed please access Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TTY) at (305) 995-2530
What is Project SEARCH

Project SEARCH Hialeah 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 the local government in the City of Hialeah. 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 Hialeah. The program is located at:

City of Hialeah City Hall
501 Palm Avenue
Hialeah, FL 33010

Possible Worksite Experiences

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

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 Hialeah staff
- Be able to communicate effectively

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 lead 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.

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