



Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)

What are Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)?

Pre-ETS are services that are provided by vocational rehabilitation agencies to help high school students learn job skills necessary for the work force.



What are the eligibility criteria?

- The student is at least 14 years old but not over 21 years of age;
- The student must be still enrolled in education; and
- The student must have a disability



How much do these services cost me?

These services are free for students. Under the Workforce Innovations and Opportunities Act of 2014, the state provides funding for these services.

Will these services take time out of my school day?

The agencies that provide Pre-ETS will often schedule appointments with students during free periods. Students may also have the option to enroll in a specific class where a professional will guide them through the five core services of Pre-ETS. This course can last one semester or an entire school year.

What if I am not receiving these services?

If you have an IEP and you want these services, speak to your IEP team and tell them you want to add these services. You can also reach out directly to your local DARS office. If you have any problems getting these services, call the disAbility Law Center of Virginia at 804-225-2042 or 1-800-552-3962 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, and ask to speak with the Intake Specialist.

FIVE Core Services of Pre-ETS



Job Exploration Counseling: You work with a counselor to determine what careers interest you and what careers you may be good at.



Work Based Learning Experiences: You will have the opportunity to observe different jobs or work environments to determine what skills are necessary for specific jobs.



Counseling on Training and Educational Options: You will meet with a counselor or instructor to discuss education or training after high school. This can consist of college, on the job training, or vocational school.



Workplace Readiness Training: You will work with a counselor or instructor to determine the skills necessary for success in the workplace including social skills, resume development, computer skills, and advocacy skills.



Self-Advocacy Skills: You will learn how to speak up for yourself including asking for accommodations at work or college, and learning independent living skills.