

What Does the School to Work Year Look Like?

✓ Discovery

Your employment support provider spends time talking with you, your family, teachers, and other people who know you well to learn about your interests, abilities, and strengths.

✓ Internships

Unpaid, short-term jobs in the community that help you identify what type of job you want and what you like to do. Internships also help your provider know what supports you need to do your job.

✓ Job Development

Your provider will work with community businesses to identify/create a job that fits your interests and abilities.

Benefits

Students receive one-on-one support, benefits planning, and resource coordination.

A job provides a sense of accomplishment, opportunities to meet new people, and improves the ability to live independently.



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School to Work

*Living as valued, contributing,
and integrated members of
our community.*

What is School to Work?

School to Work is a partnership between Thurston/Mason County Developmental Disabilities, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), schools in Thurston/Mason County, and employment support providers.

School to Work is designed to be a bridge between school and successful transition to a job in the community.

The goal of the program is to develop employability skills through customized one-on-one support resulting in obtaining and maintaining a job.



Who is Eligible?

EVERYONE who is eligible for Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) services, and:

- 20-21 years of age and in the last year of high school transition or life skills
- Enrolled in high school within Thurston/Mason County
- Committed to finding a job before exiting school
- Willing to apply for:
 - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) services
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) / Medicaid
 - Washington State ID
- Has a reliable transportation plan to and from the job



Steps to Enroll

1. Verify you are eligible.
2. Complete a *School to Work* application and *Consent to Share Information* form.
3. Select an employment support provider.
4. Apply for DVR services.