

# Timelines For Transition

Student Age	Action Needed
Age 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement of transition needs that focuses on your child’s course of study (college or vocational training)</li> </ul>
Age 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition planning (focus on interagency responsibility or needed linkages including MRDD, BVR, SSA, etc.)</li> <li>• Identify when student will leave school (can attend through age 21)</li> <li>• Identify job interest and abilities</li> <li>• Include activities such as career exploration, job sampling and some job training</li> <li>• Begin to identify community services that provide job training and placement</li> <li>• Begin application to adult service agencies</li> <li>• Consider summer employment or volunteer experience</li> <li>• If college bound, take PSAT and plan for test accommodations if needed</li> <li>• Consider AP classes and review class schedule with guidance counselor</li> <li>• Develop an understanding of own disability and learning style</li> <li>• Practice self advocacy skills, co-lead IEP meeting if appropriate</li> </ul>
16-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Adult Services Programs:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colleges, vocational or technical schools</li> <li>• Social Security Administration</li> <li>• Residential or independent living services</li> <li>• Recreation/Leisure groups</li> <li>• Medical Services</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Identify graduation date (may remain in school through age 21)</li> <li>• Begin formalized vocational assessments</li> </ul>

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17-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin to consider and research guardianship</li> <li>• Continue to review and update transition plan</li> <li>• Take ACT, SAT tests</li> <li>• Visit colleges and disability services office</li> <li>• Register with Disability Service Office of your preferred college by the end of Senior year</li> <li>• Pursue college scholarships, grants. etc.</li> <li>• Review eligibility of medical insurance due to age</li> </ul>
18-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish health benefits if needed</li> <li>• At age 18, males will need to register for Selective Service (mandatory registration, forms available at your local post office)</li> <li>• Check local taxation code for any yearly filings that will need to be done (ex. Middletown income tax is filed by each individual)</li> <li>• Continue to update and review Transition Plan</li> <li>• Develop long term financial support plan (ex. SSI) if needed</li> </ul>

**Additional Notes:**

**Transition includes the following 5 activities as defined by law:**

- 1. Instruction**
- 2. Related services**
- 3. Community experiences**
- 4. Development of employment and other post-school adult living objectives**
- 5. Acquisition of daily living skills and functional vocational evaluation.**

**Students may attend school up until the age of 22 to continue to work on their transition goals.**