



Special Needs Children Site

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Part Time Homeschooling and High School Transition and Job Programs

In many areas there are homeschool support groups with an interest in joint field trips, parent-taught classes, parks department programs or get togethers so that children can socialize with their homeschooled peers.

Many parents who homeschool a child with special needs find that their son or daughter shows an interest in going to school for certain subjects or activities that interest them during their teen years.

Recently, school districts have created programs for homeschooled children that offer an alternative education experience in public school buildings.

Children with special needs may find that the accommodations made for mainstream homeschooled students suit their learning or other challenges, and may wish to enroll to try out some classes.

There may be transition programs for teens for post high school programs, job training and employment opportunities, or other federal, state or local programs or grants available through a child's school district.

Community college programs like Washington State's 'Running Start' allow teens to enroll while they are high school juniors and seniors, earning both high school and college credits for their work, supported with school district funds. Students may need to register at a district high school to qualify.

Junior and community colleges may offer excellent accommodations available for students who wish to attend regular classes, and some have specific programs tailored to students with learning challenges.

Transition services available for teens up to or including the age of 21 vary from district to district but may include a wide variety of services and options, including collaboration with federal vocation agencies, supported employment vendors, and local businesses.

It's important to research what a student's and a family's rights are when a child is enrolled in any school district program, and when a family is seeking transition services.

State and national homeschool organizations and internet groups may provide excellent resources and information on the pitfalls as well as the benefits of each option.

[Homeschooling Children with Special Needs](http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art45894.asp)

<http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art45894.asp>

[After School Homeschooling](http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art45893.asp)

<http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art45893.asp>

[Teens with Disabilities - Transition Planning](http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art33519.asp)

<http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art33519.asp>

[Teaching Math Skills](http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art38411.asp)

<http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art38411.asp>

[Art and Self Expression for Children with Special Needs](http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art17513.asp)

<http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art17513.asp>

[Music Education - Every Voice Heard](http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art46397.asp)

<http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art46397.asp>

[Teaching Your Child to Plan Meals and Cook](#)

[Do We Overtest Our Children?](#)

[http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art4321.asp](#)

[The Diagnosis of Learning Disabilities](#)

[http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art45580.asp](#)

[Signing, Reading and Spelling](#)

[http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art33567.asp](#)

Transition Links for Teens - Higher Education and Employment Opportunities - and [Older Students Receiving Special Education Services](#)

http://www.spednet.org/For_Older_Students.htm