

SECAC Meeting – January 3, 2019

6:30pm to 8:30pm / McFaul Activity Center

TOPIC: Transition Programs in Harford County Public Schools

Guest Speakers: Sara Kilian and Jaclyn Marshall

HCPS Transition Resource Itinerants (TRI's)

SECAC chairperson, Dawn Markovic, informed the group that she would be making a SECAC presentation to the HCPS Board of Education on Monday, January 7, 2019. The power point presentation will remind the BOE of SECAC's mission; mention some of the guest speakers, topics discussed, and other activities SECAC did this past year; along with SECAC's plans for this year, and suggestions on how the BOE might help support SECAC.

GUEST SPEAKERS presented an overview of HCPS Transition Program

- Transition services are part of a student's IEP beginning at the age of 14
- Goal is to foster student independence
- The TRI will assess the student through an informal interview, observation and questionnaire, to discover the interests of the student, what classes they like, what they want to do after they exit school. The IEP team sets goals to develop skills that would help the student work in a desired job setting that matches their interests and strengths. The type of job experience and availability varies.
- Transition plan is updated annually

Continuum of Transition Activities

- Community Based Instruction (CBI): students go out in the community to generalize the daily life skills that are learned in the classroom. (ie: pedestrian safety, shopping skills, restaurant training, conversation skills). Goal is to foster problem solving, decision making, and self-advocacy.
- Work Experience: develop employment skills in the community through supervised work assignments. Students can experience various work settings to assist them in deciding on career choice/goals.
- Summer Learning Academics (currently for diploma track special needs students / Grade 11 or 12) It is a new program offered 1-2 weeks during the summer in partnership with Harford Community College. Because students on a diploma track are not able to participate in CBI and Work Experience (due to constraints of their schedule and academic requirements), this Summer Learning program gives them the opportunity to explore career and job options, develop job skills, and foster independence.
- Linkage to Community Agencies (such as DDA and DORS)
- Post-Secondary options
 - o Harford County Public School
 - Remain at HCPS home school until age 21
 - Future Links program (at Bel Air Armory or Harford County Community College)
 - o Harford Community College
 - H.O.T. Program (High Demand Occupational Training)
 - Associate Degrees
 - Some programs require Accuplacer (testing)
 - o Other
 - WTC program thru DORS
 - Readiness Training thru ARC

Questions or for additional information contact:

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UPCOMING & OTHER NOTES

• **Save the Date:**

Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 9am-2pm

Youth and Family Resource Festival

APGFCU Arena at Harford Community College

Thomas Run Road, Bel Air 21014

Next SECAC Meeting: February 7, 2019

Planned Topic: Behavior with Guest Speaker - HCPS Board Certified Behavior Analyst

Meeting location: McFaul Activity Center in Bel Air, MD

6:30pm Meet & Greet / Meeting 7-8:30pm