



Vocational Rehabilitation

For students who want to continue their education

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- Vocational Rehabilitation, or VR helps with **postsecondary education opportunities**
- VR can help you with getting the education you need to help with your future career.
- VR include help with:
 - Looking for education options after high school
 - Applying to colleges or training programs
 - Applying for financial aid and grants
 - Completing your education program



VR Referrals

- Being referred to VR means that you or someone else thinks you might qualify and benefit from services.
- You can be referred to VR when you are still in high school.
- You can make your own referral to VR.
- Your teachers, members of your transition team, your Pre-ETS provider, or a family member can also refer you for services.
- Referrals are made by contacting the VR office in your community.



Applying for VR Services

- Anyone can apply for VR services.
- You must complete an application so that you can find out if you are able to receive services from VR.
- After you apply, you will find out if you **qualify** for services. If you qualify, a VR counselor will set up a meeting with you.
- Who is able to get services from VR?
 - People with a physical, mental, or sensory impairment that makes it difficult for you to get a job.
 - People who have a disability that makes it hard for you to get and be successful in a job.
 - People who want to work and get support from VR.
- If VR says you are not eligible, you can appeal the decision.
 - If you meet the requirements, you will become a client of VR.
 - If VR tells you that you are not eligible for services, then you can contact VR and tell them you disagree with their choice. You can ask them to look at your application again.





What Services are Offered by VR?

- **VR** will help you get a job after you finish your college or training program.
- VR can help with:
 - Training
 - Finding a job
 - Getting a job
 - Keeping a job
- VR can also help with:
 - Training for jobs
 - Transportation
 - Counseling for jobs
 - Living independently



Individualized Plan for Employment or IPE

What is an **IPE**?

- An **Individualized Plan for Employment**, or **IPE**, is a plan for what services are needed to prepare students to continue their education.
- The IPE tells you who will be helping you, how long you will need help for, and how you will track your progress towards your goal.
- VR clients are able to make their own choices about what services they will receive.
- Each IPE is different and unique for each person.
- As you make career goals for you IEP remember your:
 - Strengths
 - Abilities
 - Interests
- Your support system can help you make plans for after high school.
 - Your support system can include your VR counselors, teachers, instructors, family, or other people who understand and support you.



Your **rights**

- You have **rights** when it comes to your IPE
 - Some of these rights include:
 - Right to change your IPE
 - Right to get the help you need to meet your goal
 - Right to look over your IPE at least once a year
- You have **responsibilities** as a VR Client
 - Talking to your VR counselor at least once a month
 - Asking for help if you have a problem
 - Going to work once you get a job



Wrap Up

- **VR** clients can get help with **postsecondary education**. VR can help you with getting the education you need to help you with your future career.
- **VR** provides services that include, training for a job, finding a job, getting a job, and keeping a job.
- Apply for VR services while you are still in high school.
- Anyone can apply for VR services.
- VR clients can get help with postsecondary education.
- An **Individualized Plan for Employment**, or **IPE**, is a plan that includes the services that will prepare students for life after high school.
- You have **rights** when it comes to developing your IPE.
- You have **responsibilities** as a VR client.