

Goodwill's School Transition Program (STP)

Our STP provides functional life skills, work experience, community-based instruction, and individualized related services for exceptional students' ages 18-22 who have already received a Special Diploma. The program focuses on strong work-orientated goals which meet the students' needs as outlined in their Individual Educational Plan (IEP). Through close supervision, individualized educational instruction, comprehensive intervention, and the use of real sub-contract work, students not only improve various skills but are also paid a competitive wage based on productivity.

Our program offers experience with work-training based on the students' needs, strengths, abilities, cultural background, and desired employment outcome utilizing a variety of work areas and contracts that Goodwill has: clerical, custodial, document destruction, e-commerce, manufacturing, and retail stores. These experiences encourage students to understand the meaning of work, increase work speed and quality, and to adopt positive work behaviors that may lead to employment within Goodwill Industries or in their community.

STP follows the Broward County Public School (BCPS) calendar. The program runs Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Transportation may be provided by BCPS for select high schools. Upon qualification, breakfast and lunch may be available from BCPS.

Certified teachers and counselors provide instruction and services at **no cost** to students and their families. In addition, the dedicated Goodwill staff coordinates with their own Goodwill support services such as: accommodation, community resources (APD, Medwaiver, DVR, medical, psychological, socio-economic, and community mobility), leisure and recreational activities, living skills trainings in the areas of domestic, identification of abuse, nutrition, safety, rights, nursing, translators, self-advocacy, and social skills.

The Goodwill staff maintains close communication with BCPS and the students' parents/caretakers in order to assure coordination and involvement is all of the necessary services provided. In the event that an existing student (age 22) has not shown the ability to be employed or employment has not been found, Goodwill offers them the opportunity to remain in their Adult Day Training program **free** of charge to continue working towards the achievement of their goals.