



# Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)

Finding the right path after high school can be overwhelming. In some cases, students may not know what their options are. The goal of Pre-ETS program is to collaborate with local Vocational Rehabilitation services and the local school systems to support students during high school and their transition into post-graduation.

We want to keep in mind that students with and without disabilities have the same dreams for adulthood. Students with disabilities, like all students, aspire to be employed or enroll in secondary education, to have a safe place to live, to spend time with friends, and to be meaningfully involved in their community.



**The goal of Pre-ETS is to help make student's dreams a reality in the area of employment!**

### There are five main services provided by Pre-ETS



1. Job Exploration Counseling
2. Instruction in Self-Advocacy
3. Workplace Readiness Training
4. Work-Based Learning Experiences
5. Counseling on Postsecondary Education

## How does Pre-ETS operate?

Pre-ETS is created from a partnership between Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), local schools, and the TVS Transition Specialists. Pre-ETS is provided to students throughout North Carolina.

### What schools do the TVS Pre-ETS operate at?



#### Transylvania County

- Brevard High School
- Rosman High School

#### Henderson County

- East Henderson High School
- North Henderson High School
- Hendersonville High School
- West Henderson High School

### Who can participate in Pre-ETS?

Students between the ages of 14 and 21 with an IEP or 504 Plan can enroll and participant. High school students with disabilities do not have to be VR clients in order to receive services.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Participation in school-sponsored work experiences, vocational education, & after school jobs contribute to better employment outcomes for young people with disabilities in early adulthood.

Having a meaningful career contributes to financial independence, a sense of belonging, valued roles in the community, & overall life satisfaction.

Youth employment is a strong predictor of successful employment during adulthood, & work-based experiences serve as an important predictor towards independence.

Students who have access to activities such as Pre-ETS have a higher rate of success in employment, postsecondary training, & independent living.

**In 2020, FOUR Pre-ETS participants transitioned into Employment Services at TVS & are pursuing careers that match their interests & strengths.**



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