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Secondary Transition becomes a part of the IEP process when a student is 13 years old to begin preparing for adult life after leaving high school. Transition Specialists meet with students, as they are able, to discuss their interests, strengths, and preferences in order to begin exploration of their long-term goals related to education, employment and independent living. Transition Specialists also reach out to parents to gain their perspective related to their child’s postsecondary outcome, and support them in making connections to community resources and/or anticipated adult services.

Transition Planning
It is best practice to begin planning early for a student's postsecondary transition. The transition plan is updated annually as part of the IEP process, and it’s content evolves as the student grows and develops; plans and goals for the student will change as well.

Secondary Transition Planning is a collaborative process that includes students, families and school personnel. Examples of activities that support a student’s transition planning needs may include goal setting (future, employment, independent living, etc.), generalizing skills across settings, building daily life and independent living skills, expanding leisure skills, community access, developing self-advocacy & self-awareness skills, disability awareness and disclosure.

Our Goal for this Newsletter
Over the past few months, The Transition Services Department has been working to find ways to effectively share news and information related upcoming events with Ivymount families. If you see are seeking information on a particular event or topic of interest that you would like to see referenced in future newsletters, please let us know.
Transition Tips Corner

Interested in finding out what applications you should be filling out with your student? Looking for community resources to support transition planning? The Ivymount Transition Specialists can assist you with this information and more.

Information on upcoming events will be shared in the IvyNotes, the PTA listserv, and on the Family Resources Portal.

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Upcoming Events
♦ MCPS Transition Information for Parents and Students (2/5)
♦ FCPS Career and Transition Services Events (2/23 & 4/10)
♦ Transition Times-Spring 2019 Meeting Dates (1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, & 5/15)
♦ Project Access Open House for Parents (1/26 & 3/2)

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