

Hinsdale District 86 Transition Services

Come hear about the Special Education transition services available through District 86
Tours of the new Burr Ridge Transition Center will be available post presentation

Tuesday, January 25th @ 7pm
16W361 S Frontage Ro, Suite 126
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

(between Madison and Rt 83 on Frontage Road)



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Overview of transition program opportunities available and will be determined by individual student's post-exit plan

Education:

- Receive supports in accessing College of DuPage through our Bridge programs
 - Bridge 2: Full-time on campus
 - Bridge 1: Part-time on campus, part-time at Transition Center
- Participate in a trade-based program at Technology Center of DuPage

Employment/Training:

- Pursue vocational supports through the COD Career Resource Center
- Strengthen skills to enter the workforce in a part-time, full-time, or volunteer capacity
- Participate in community-based vocational learning opportunities

Independent Living Skills:

- Participate in community-based instruction
- Increase a variety of independent living skills (self-advocacy, money management, fitness, social communication, etc)

Students, families, and the IEP team each complete a rubric which helps inform if one of these programs would be appropriate to pursue after graduation.

Only District 86 students are eligible for these programs and staff are district certified teachers, related service providers, and support staff.

Programming run 8:00am-2:00pm Monday through Friday and follows the District 86 calendar.

Informational Videos

Transition Center
Bridge I/II

Additional Resources

Transition Tidbits
Adult Access and Services Guide

Hinsdale District 86 Transition Services Staff



Cristina (Tina) Kinsey is the Department Chair for District 86 Transition Programs. She joined District 86 in 2013 and has spent her entire time in the district working in Transition. Tina has over 20 years of experience in the field of special education as a speech-language pathologist. She earned her B.S. in Speech and Hearing Science from University of Illinois, her M.A. in Speech-Language Pathology from Northwestern University and recently completed a second Master's degree in Principal Preparation from Concordia University.
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Katie DiCianni is the Assistant Department Chair and Vocational Coordinator for the District 86 Transition Program. She was previously a special education teacher and spent 9 years in Chicago Public Schools before starting in District 86 5 years ago. Katie earned her LBS I from Northeastern Illinois University, LBS II Master's degree from UIC in Transition and Assistive Technology, and has her Master's in Principal Preparation from Concordia University. Katie is a National Board Certified Teacher and a Certified Employment Support Professional.
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Taryn Chrapkowski is the District Transition Services and serves as the District 86 Division of Rehabilitative Services liaison. Taryn started her career in Chicago Public Schools as a special education teacher and has now worked in District 86 since 2006. Taryn earned her undergraduate degree and master's degree in education from University of Illinois at Chicago.



Justin Ladas serves as one of the Transition Facilitators in D86. Justin is a special education teacher and case manager with the Transition Center Bridge Program. Previous to working in D86 Justin taught in Chicago Public Schools and served as a Transition Specialist in Chicago Public Schools Central Office. Justin earned his LBS I from National-Louis University and has an LBS II Master's Degree from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
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Heather Riggs is one of two Transition Facilitators in D86. She is a special education teacher and spent 4 years at Hinsdale South and the last 8 years at the Transition Center. Heather splits her time between supporting families through her Transition Facilitator role and being a teacher in the multi-needs classroom at the Transition Center. Heather earned her LBS I from Bradley University, has an LBS II Master's degree in Assistive Technology and Multiple Disabilities from UIC, and 30+ graduate hours in Assistive Technology from UIC.
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Ray Baker is an educator and disability rights advocate. Ray works specifically with young adults with disabilities transitioning from high school to a post-secondary setting and lives with his family in LaGrange. He holds a BA in Special Education from the University of Evansville, a MEd in Instructional Leadership (Policy) from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and a Learning Behavior Specialist II - Transition Specialist Certificate from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Ray currently serves on the board for Special Olympics Chicago and works for Hinsdale D86, supporting the Bridge Dual Enrollment Program.
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Stephanie is currently a special education teacher/case manager in District 86's Transition Center Bridge program. Previous to working in the Bridge program, Stephanie worked in Program Success and H.A.V.E.N. Prior to District 86, she taught in a charter high school network in Chicago and worked with students with autism in Las Vegas. She has her master's degree in special education from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and undergraduate degree in special education from University of Wisconsin, Madison.
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