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Post-Secondary Education Programs for Students with Disabilities	
WBSD Adult Transition Program	This program is available for West Bloomfield students who are ages 18-26 and have earned a Certificate of Completion in high school. <i>This program is not available for students earning a high school diploma.</i>
Project Search	<p>The Project SEARCH Program is a unique, business-led, one-year school-to-work program hosted by West Bloomfield School District that takes place entirely at the workplace, Henry Ford Hospital. Total workplace immersion facilitates a seamless combination of classroom instruction, career exploration, and hands-on training through worksite rotations. The goal of Project Search is for students to gain competitive entry-level employment upon the end of the program, so <i>this program is appropriate for students who have not had competitive employment</i> and for <i>students who have the desire to have competitive employment</i> upon graduation from Project Search. <i>This program is available to students who are getting a Certificate of Completion or to students who are getting a diploma.</i></p> <p>2025-2026 Project Search Open House Schedule</p> <p> Project Search Brochure WBSD Project Search Project Search Project Search Henry Ford WB 2022 Video Project Search Henry Ford WB 2021 Video Project Search Overview Video Project Search FAQ Michigan Project SEARCH Video </p>
Michigan Career & Technical Institute (MCTI)	The mission of the Michigan Career & Technical Institute (MCTI) is to conduct vocational and technical training programs and provide supportive services needed to prepare Michigan citizens with disabilities for competitive employment. Students are admitted to this school through an application process. <i>This program is</i>

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	<p><i>available to students who are getting a Certificate of Completion or to students who are getting a diploma.</i></p> <p>Tours: MCTI offers tours throughout the year. Interested parties should call 269.664.4461</p> <p>MCTI Description MCTI Vocational Training Guide MCTI Introductory Video MCTI Extended Video MCTI Virtual Tour Video MCTI Powerpoint MCTI Virtual Informational Session 2021 MCTI's Website MCTI Facebook MCTI Booklet</p>
Coding Autism	<p>A full-service professional coaching and training company that trains adults on the autism spectrum in professional skills such as software engineering, quality assurance, and web development. We also assist our graduates in finding employment within the software and technology industries. We do so by providing services such as immersive programs and bootcamps, resume workshops, career counseling, interview preparation, and coaching/mentorship, all of which is designed around providing an environment where people on the spectrum can thrive.</p>
Michigan Bridge to Opportunity	<p>We use the globally recognized Cisco Networking Academy training and certification program and adapted it specifically for people with disabilities to enable their employment in high demand IT jobs. We welcome all disabilities into our program. Our 20 week program includes classroom instruction, hands-on experiences, and mentoring. It results in globally recognized Certification that enables and prepares our candidates for in-demand Information Technology jobs. Through the generous support of Michigan Rehabilitation Services and other donors, we offer this program tuition free to qualified candidates.</p>

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On My Own of Michigan	<p>On My Own of Michigan, Inc. assists adults with intellectual developmental disabilities to become independent, self-sufficient, social and contributing citizens in their communities.</p> <p>Independence College - Day in the Life Video</p>
OU Cares	<p>OU Cares is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs), their families, and our community by providing quality and comprehensive programming across the lifespan. OU Cares supports students with other disabilities as well. Most programs have a small fee but many scholarships are available.</p>
Ready for Life	<p>Through a partnership at Hope College, Calvin University and Ferris State University, Ready For Life Academy (RFLA) has a local presence on their respective campuses in Holland, Grand Rapids, and Big Rapids, Michigan. This provides post-secondary educational experiences for college-aged individuals diagnosed with intellectual disabilities. The curriculum used at RFLA focuses on transition skills to help students gain independence and job skills.</p>
Soul Studio	<p>This program is an opportunity for student-artists to be introduced to a variety of traditional and contemporary art making processes. Staff will work with students to find materials and processes specific to their interests and sensibilities. In addition to creative exploration in the arts, we will also be facilitating opportunities for vocational training in traditional and new technologies, such as our brand new laser cutter.</p> <p>Friendship Circle Soul Projects</p>
The Dandelion Program	<p>The Dandelion Program is an initiative to build valuable Information Technology skills and careers for people on the autism spectrum. The program encompasses a period of three years, where we focus on building and developing technical, life, and executive functioning skills within the individuals.</p> <p>Dandelion Program Brochure</p>

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Western Michigan Autism Services Center	Western Michigan University's Autism Services Center (ASC) provides transition support for college students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other disabilities.
Tink Tank	Tink Tank Animate exists to assist and develop Individuals of the Neuro-Diverse Community in the Arts of Storytelling in order to exercise and progress their cognitive muscles through their communicative outcomes from actively creating and completing projects in the Arts of Storytelling.
Guide to Trade School for People with Disabilities	A guide to support individuals with disabilities in accessing the skilled trades.
Thriving in Trade School with a Disability	This article highlights the benefits of vocational education, potential careers, and laws that protect both students and employees with disabilities.
Entrepreneurship for Youth with Disabilities	This article explores entrepreneurship for individuals with disabilities.

College-Like Programs for Individuals with Disabilities	
AbleLight College	AbleLight College is a unique and exciting postsecondary certificate program designed to meet the higher education goals of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through our traditional 2-year program or our new 3rd year Fellowship program, we prepare students to become independent adults living an integrated, purposeful life in their communities.
Life & Career Studies Calvin College	Life and Career Studies is a Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary program that equips students with intellectual disability to flourish in life.
Independence College On My Own of MI	Independence College by On My Own of Michigan® is a two-year residential college-like experience for young adults with

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	developmental disabilities, giving students an opportunity to grow their independent living and employment skills in a safe, supported environment.
Ready for Life Academy Ferris State University Hope College	Each student begins the program by building a student-centered learning plan to develop realistic learning objectives, and identify areas of natural talent to be further developed. Based on the student's interests and abilities the College or University offers non-credit earning classes which are intentionally selected for the RFLA students to attend. The curriculum used at <i>RFLA</i> focuses on transition skills to help students gain independence and job skills.
Vanderbilt University Center for Autism & Innovation	The Frist Center for Autism and Innovation, <i>engineering technologies and transforming the workplace – inspired by neurodiversity</i> , at the Vanderbilt University School of Engineering brings engineers, business scholars, and disabilities researchers together with experts in neuroscience and education to understand, maximize, and promote neurodiverse talent. From a strengths-based – as opposed to deficit-based – understanding of autism and neurodiversity, the Center sees opportunities for innovation in technology and in workplace practices.
Think College	College options for people with intellectual disabilities. Think College! provides self-paced modules using multimedia tools such as videos, publications, interactive learning activities, and podcasts to share information on topics related to postsecondary education for students with intellectual disabilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips to Prepare Students with Intellectual Disabilities for College Expectations • Lessons Learned from a Decade of Data
College Resources for Individuals with Disabilities	
College Contact Disability Support Services	2022-2023 list of Michigan College Student Support Services contacts.

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Are you Ready for College?	Answer some essential questions to determine if your child is ready to attend college.
College vs. High School	Learn the differences between a public school IEP and a college-level 504 plan.
Fair Test	For a list of test-optional colleges and universities
Going to College	This website contains information about living college life with a disability. It's designed for high school students and provides video clips, activities and additional resources that can help you get a head start in planning for college.
National Youth Transitions Center-Training Modules	This website has a repository of information and training resources related to college transition for students with disabilities
Transitions in Translation	Welcome to Transitions in Translation! College is your destination. Disability is a part of your experience. Consider this site your ultimate guidebook for navigating the best years of your life.
Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Things to Know About College Disability Services • Academically Talented Students With Autism Can Prepare For Success In College • How Students With Disabilities, and Their Parents, Need To Prepare for College • When Students with Health Conditions Transition to College
OCC	The admission coordinator assigned to WBSD from OCC is Keith Pawlovich. His contact information is krpawlov@oaklandcc.edu 248-246-2595.

Non-College Educational Options for All Students

Pre-Apprenticeship Programs

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OCC Pre-Apprenticeship Program	Pre-Apprenticeship is a program that is designed to prepare individuals to enter and succeed in a Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) and/or employment. Pre-apprenticeship can fast track your way into high-paying jobs that are in demand!
MI Internship Prep	Sign up for our FREE virtual internship prep course to learn how to succeed in a professional workplace. In just four weeks, you'll discover your interests, develop essential skills, create a professional portfolio, learn virtual interview strategies, and practice your new skills with Mock Interviews. If you're between the ages of 16 – 24, this is your chance to jumpstart your career! Eligible participants may earn cash for completing the course.
<i>Apprenticeship Programs</i>	
Oakland County Apprenticeship Book	A guide to apprenticeships in Oakland County
MI Apprenticeships	Apprenticeship is a combination of working and learning that mutually benefits both employers and apprentices. The MI-Apprenticeship program provides all of its services at no cost, as a State of Michigan program that works to make the process of registered apprenticeship easier.
Apprenticeship Resources	Here you will find a list of local apprenticeships.
HSE-to-School Program	The purpose of the program is to inspire and encourage Michigan residents who are pursuing their high school equivalency credential to transition to Michigan community colleges or universities for academic and career focused coursework and programs. Based on available funding, the HSE-to-School Program covers the cost of one attempt on each subject area for the three high school equivalency testing options - GED, HiSET, or TASC - for Michigan residents who meet eligibility requirements.
MI Works Youth Services	Michigan Works! Southeast offers youth services to individuals between the ages of 16-24 to assist with educational and employment goals. Guided by a Career Advisor, each youth will

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	develop a unique plan to meet their goals and personal development.
MAT2	With the MAT2 Program, you earn while you learn. The program provides a living-wage, a debt-free associate degree, and an industry-aligned education.
Oakland County Apprenticeship Resources	Discover apprenticeship opportunities in Oakland County.
Oakland County Apprenticeship Booklet	The guide is also part of our larger effort to educate young people about the benefits of apprenticeships.
Oakland Next Young Professionals Program	Oakland County Michigan Works! has several opportunities available for young adults between the ages of 18-24 who are interested in earning a free industry recognized certification or participating in a local paid internship in a variety of fields.
MI Trade School.org	Learn about good-paying, interesting in-demand jobs
MIAT	<p>Since 1969, MIAT College of Technology has been providing students with technical career training. Our college campus in Canton is equipped with real-world equipment that you will find on the job, and it's just half an hour outside of Detroit, Michigan.</p> <p>Michigan is a center for automotive and mobility manufacturing, advanced manufacturing, and technology engineering, design, and development. Michigan is also home to the aviation industry with Detroit Metropolitan Airport, which is one of the largest U.S. air hubs in North America and various aerospace manufacturers headquartered in the state. MIAT provides the technical training programs you need to find success in these industries. Students choose MIAT College of Technology to get the hands-on technical training they need to prepare for their career.</p>
Registered Apprenticeships	Registered apprenticeships are high-quality work-based learning and post-secondary earn-and-learn models that meet national standards for registration with the U.S. Department of Labor (or

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	<p>federally recognized State Apprenticeship Agencies). Apprenticeship combines classroom studies with extensive on-the-job training under the supervision of journey level craftperson or trade professional. Workers who complete apprenticeship programs earn an average of \$300,000 more over their career when compared to peers who don't.</p>
MI Apprenticeship	<p>Apprenticeship is a combination of working and learning that mutually benefits both employers and apprentices. The MI-Apprenticeship program provides all of its services at no cost, as a State of Michigan program that works to make the process of registered apprenticeship easier.</p>
MI Construction Career Day	<p>Since 2008, MICCD is Michigan's premiere construction career exploration event. Based on the National Career Day model, MICCD provides Michigan's young people a chance to experience construction up-close, getting the chance to use real tools, materials and heavy equipment under the direct guidance of construction professionals from all sectors of the industry. These young people will not only see what construction is, but learn of the training and education paths to secure the good paying jobs a career in construction provides.</p>
MI Career Quest	<p>MiCareerQuest South is not your typical career fair. In fact, it is not a career fair at all. It is a career exploration experience for thousands of high school students across our region. This year, you can be part of launching MiCareerQuest South for our region in a virtual setting. We are focusing on in-demand jobs that will be showcased through interactive and engaging virtual employer booths. These career booths will provide students with videos, presentations, FAQ's and much more! During this one-day live virtual experience, students can have conversations with working professionals from a multitude of companies in our region.</p>

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Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)	For the most updated information from the U.S. Department of Education regarding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education	Links to state and federal regulations related to Special Education
Oakland Schools Education Options	Information on this page will help families and the community understand the different options for accessing education in Oakland County.
Oakland Schools Special Education	Services of the Oakland Schools Intermediate School District include, but are not limited to, consultation and instruction of students with low incidence disabilities, audiological evaluations, compliance, technical assistance, access to assistive technology, and professional learning opportunities. All programs for students with disabilities in Oakland County are designed and operated by local districts, including Programs for All (center programs).
Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)	TIP encourages eligible Medicaid recipients to complete high school by providing tuition assistance for college.