

## Quick Facts for Schools: About Vocational Rehabilitation New Hampshire (VRNH) Coordinating Services between Schools and VRNH



Working together with schools to develop activities and experiences designed to support students and youth with disabilities in realizing the necessary experiences, skills, and knowledge to reach their post-secondary goals.

### VRNH Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) & Individual Plan for Employment (IPE) Transition Services

VRNH is a federally and state funded program that provides services to assist individuals with disabilities in obtaining and maintaining employment as a part of the larger workforce system. We specifically assist students and youth with a disability to:

- **Explore the World of Work** by identifying their interests and discovering their strengths through work experiences.
- **Develop career pathways** to promote strength-based skills, self-advocacy, and maximize independence.
- **Collaborate** with teachers, parents, guardians, New Hampshire businesses, and partner agencies to build a stronger community workforce.

Services can begin in high school as early as age 14, or the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, up to the age 22.

### VRNH Offers a Continuum of Services to Students and Youth with Disabilities

#### Pre-ETS

For students with disabilities who are potentially eligible or eligible for VR services.

Short term in nature to help identify career interests.

Designed to be an early start at job exploration for students with disabilities.

Services are provided in collaboration with local education agencies (LEAs).

Set of **five required activities** provided:

Job Exploration Counseling, Work-based Learning Experiences, Counseling on post-secondary opportunities and educational programs at institutions of higher education, Workplace Readiness Training and Instruction in Self-advocacy.

Pre-ETS services are offered in a variety of ways: Group workshops, One-to-one and /or Community providers.

#### IPE -Transition Services

Available for eligible students and youth with a disability through an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE).

Students and youth are eligible for Transition Services when they:

- Have a disability, and
- Their disability creates an impediment to preparing for a job, getting a job, or keeping a job, and
- They require VR services to become employed or to stay employed.

Help develop and pursue career interests through post-secondary ed, vocational training, job search, job placement, job retention, job follow-up and job follow-along services.

#### Employment Services

Available for eligible students and youth with a disability through an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE).

Have identified their career interests, developed and pursued their career interests through post-secondary education and vocational training offered through transition services, and are pursuing specific employment outcomes.

Assist in preparing for, securing, retaining, advancing in, or regaining an employment outcome that is consistent with their unique strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interest, and informed choice.

#### More Information:

If you have questions about VRNH services, including Pre-ETS, for students, please visit [School Transition Services | Department of Education \(nh.gov\)](#) or email us at [STSInfo@doe.nh.gov](mailto:STSInfo@doe.nh.gov)

If you would like to refer a student for VRNH Transition Services, please contact the local office nearest to you [Find Your Regional Office | Department of Education \(nh.gov\)](#) or use our online portal to make an individual referral: [VRNH Online Portal](#)