

Transitional Service- Black River Industries (BRI)

Black River Industries (BRI) has worked with middle and high school students throughout the day to help them focus on learning different job skills and life skills.

BRI offers:

- Job coaches - coaches will work with students in enhancing and learning about a job towards employment
- Day services - this can be part time or full days where students will learn different life skills and work within the community

If interested in this type of service, please contact your child's middle or high school special education or you can call BRI at 715-748-2950 for more information.

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Transitional Planning & Services Resources

For more information on the resources found in this brochure, please visit the following sites:

- Transition Planning for Students with Disabilities: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sped/topics/transition>.
- WiTransition-DVR Services: <https://www.witransition.com/faq.html#faq060>.
- SOAR Program: <https://www.medford.k12.wi.us/district/soar.cfm>.
- Black River Industries: <https://www.blackriverindustries.org/with-disabilities>.

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Rib Lake School District Transitional Planning & Services





Transitional Planning

In Wisconsin, transitional planning starts when a child is 14 years of age and will be updated annually through an individualized education program (IEP) until the child graduates from high school. This planning will be performed through a Postsecondary Transition Plan (PTP).

A PTP needs to include:

- Measurable age-appropriate postsecondary goals
- Transition assessments related to education, employment, and living skills
- Description of transition services with courses of study that is used to assist the child reach their goals

(Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, n.a.)

Transitional Services—Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is a service that students can apply for DVR during the spring semester of their junior year or fall semester of their senior year.

Qualifications:

- Student has a physical or mental impairment
- Impairment is a substantial impediment to employment
- Student needs services to prepare for, secure, retain, or regain employment

Once approved, a DVR coach will work the student and help guide them towards their educational goals by writing an Individual Plan for Employment (IPE). Coaches will be available to help transition a student into the workforce by finding a job that fits in with what the student wants to achieve and will assist with any costs that are work related items, such as tools, clothing, etc. Coaches will also work with college bound students in helping with the financial aspect of school, such as helping with tuition and getting school supplies.

To apply for DVR, families should go to:

<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/referral> to complete the referral process.

(WiTransition, n.a.)

Transitional Services-SOAR Program

The SOAR program is available in partnership with Medford Area Public School District for students 18-21 years of age who have met their district's graduation requirements but still have individualized education plan (IEP) goals and objectives to work on.

Schooling is offered Monday through Thursday, which include Daily Living Classes in the morning and work experience in the afternoon. Students have the option to take part in some Northcentral Technical College classes as well.

Skills that are worked on throughout the day, include:

- Pre-vocational skills
- Vocational skills
- Daily living/independent skills

Interested students will work with the high school special education to get enrolled in this program. For more information, call SOAR at 715-748-5951.

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