Preparing High School Students for Post-Secondary Education and Beyond

The goal of Torrington’s PAVE program is to prepare students for post-secondary education and independent living. The program runs during the school day and fits into the students’ schedule. Students receive credits for their participation in the program, receiving 1 credit per year for participation in PAVE 1, and 2 credits per year awarded for participation in PAVE 2. PAVE 1 focuses on site readiness and training in various jobs, which occur inside of Torrington High School. PAVE 2 consists of on-the-job training at various worksites in the City of Torrington.

Who We Are

About Us

The Torrington Public Schools Pre-Vocational and Vocational Experiences Program (PAVE) is designed for students with an IEP that require vocational and post-secondary skills instruction. The program is run through Torrington Public Schools, and is part of the continuum of services for students requiring special education. The program is housed at Torrington High School and is staffed by a certified special education teacher and several para-educators. The PAVE Program individualizes assignments, activities, and worksite opportunities for each student to provide instruction in critical life skill domains.

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Participation in Torrington’s PAVE Program
All students participating in Torrington’s PAVE Program must be placed in the program via a PPT meeting. This is normally done during the student’s 8th grade annual review but can also be done during a student’s high school career if the PPT determines that the program is an appropriate placement for the student. This program is only open to students receiving special education supports and services.

Our Program
Students work on the following skills in the PAVE Program:
- On-the-job training at various job sites around the city of Torrington.
- Past job sites have included: Valerie Manor, Walmart, Market 32, and Starbucks.
- Practicing filling out employment applications.
- Rehearsing and practicing interview skills.
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- Activities focused on day to day personal finance and budgeting.
- Specific training on workplace decorum, procedures, and guidelines.
- Interest and skill assessment activities to determine vocational preferences.
- Assistance with researching colleges and certification programs.
- Speech and Language Pathology (if determined appropriate by PPT).
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- Opportunities to participate in Unified Sports.

PAVE 2 Bussing/Transportation
All students participating in Torrington’s PAVE 2 students will be bussed to and from the worksites by Torrington Public Schools vans. These vans are driven by licensed van drivers who work as staff members in the PAVE program. Individual forms of transportation are not required to participate in PAVE 2.