

## START! Age 14

Start thinking about what the student's focus and goals are after high school?

Activities of Daily Living

Vocational

Post Secondary

The school will work with the student to develop skills in all areas of life with transition-focused planning that guides the student towards meaningful adult outcomes and helps create meaningful post-secondary goals related to employment, education or training. In addition, the school will work with the student and family to determine at what age it would be best for the student to graduate.

Parents can contact Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative (WSPEI) for support and educational opportunities about local resources, supports and navigating the transition process. Family Engagement Coordinator: Debbie Brennan at 612-810-5608.

### Age 14-17.5

Determine if the student will need more assistance than the family and school can provide to reach his/her goals. Start thinking about what services will be needed after high school.

**IQ Testing and Diagnosis:** IQ Testing and a Diagnosis is Needed for: Children's Long Term Care Support Waiver, adult long term care programs, third party certification agencies at the post secondary educational level (FYI: IQ tests expire in 5 yrs according to post secondary certification agencies).

**Division of Vocational Rehabilitation:** This student has vocational goals for after high school but needs help getting ready for the work world.

Parents or teachers can contact Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) at least 2 years prior to graduation.  
Burnett County - 877-387-3879  
Polk County - 800-228-2587

### Children's Long Term Care Waiver:

*This student has a sub average IQ, requires considerable supervision, receives special education services (including I:1) and /or needs financial assistance to help fund the services needed to meet life goals.*

Children's Waiver is a voluntary, family driven program focused on keeping a child in their home as long as possible by providing funding for services

**Mental and Behavioral Health:** This student /family doesn't qualify for or doesn't want Children's LTC Waiver but the student has mental and behavioral health issues.

For students living in Burnett County:  
**Transition professionals can contact** Emily Ovik, Behavioral Health Unit, with behavioral/mental health questions at 715-349-7600. **Parents can contact** the Children and Family Service Unit Child Protection Access Worker for support and resources at 715-349-7600. **Mental Health Crisis Line 888-636-6655.**

For students living in Polk County:  
**Transition professionals and parents can contact** the Mental Health Services Unit with questions or for assistance at 715-485-8423. **Mental Health Crisis Line 888-552-6642.**

Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (VR): 800-236-2195 ext 5305 (serves students enrolled in any Federally recognized Tribe)

DVR/Tribal VR helps students prepare for the work world, helps student find jobs, provides job coaching and can also determine if a student will need supported employment or is or will be ready for integrated employment.

needed outside of the student's school day, helping the family make school life and home life as consistent as possible. Parents can contact their county's Children's LTC Support Worker:

Burnett County:  
Samantha Hughes at 715-349-7600  
Polk County:  
Marisa Lindsay at 715-485-8432  
Meghan Baasch at 715-485-8825

**Age 17.5 :** The following areas need to be addressed with almost every transitioning student at the age of 17.5. At this point, if the transition professional or the parents have any questions they can contact the ADRC of Northwest WI at 877-485-2372. Note: Parents should not wait until their child is 18 years old to contact the ADRC.

If the student is on Children's Waiver, that case worker will assist with referral to the ADRC at 17.5 years of age.

**Independent Living Supports:** If a student needs some additional assistance to live independently such as assistive technology, home revision or tools or additional training with activities of daily living contact the ADRC of Northwest WI. for resources such as:  
Polk County: Center for Independent Living of Western Wisconsin 800-228-3287  
Burnett County: North County Independent Living 800-924-1220

If long term assistance will be needed for activities of daily living, contact the ADRC for **\*LTC Programs** and other LTC options.

**\*Long Term Care Programs** - Will the student need assistance or services on a long term basis? For example: continued work with DVR, 24 hour supervision, an adult family home setting ect. Parents should contact the ADRC of Northwest WI at 877-485-2372 to discuss long term care services and program options. To apply and qualify for long term care programs the student will need an IQ test and a diagnosis prior to the start of the screening and application process.

**Decision Making Supports:** Will the student need assistance making decisions as an adult? How much support will the student need to be successful? If a guardianship for finances, person or both will be needed, contact Adult Protective Services at:

Burnett County: Sandy Shield, 715-349-7600.  
Polk County: 715-485-8400

For information and resources about other decision making supports contact: ADRC of Northwest WI at 877-485-2372.

**Supplemental Security Income (SSI):** To apply for SSI Parents can contact the Social Security Administration Field Office directly at:  
Polk County: 888-823-3923  
Burnett County: 877-638-3952  
Parents can also contact the following agencies

for help with the application process:  
ADRC of Northwest WI Disability Benefit Specialist - 877-485-2372  
GLITC Disability Benefit Specialist (if student is enrolled in a Federally recognized tribe) 800-472-7207 ext 157.

**Student Goals:** What else needs to be addressed for the student to achieve his/her goals?

**Post Secondary Education:** Will the student need accommodations? If so contact the school's Accommodation Specialist as soon as possible.  
WITC Accommodation Specialists:

Rice Lake : Heidi Diesterhaft  
715-234-7082  
New Richmond: Lori Denzine  
715-246-6561  
Superior: Kristy McGiffert  
715-394-6677

**Vocational:** What type of vocational assistance will the student need to achieve his or her goals?

If DVR determines that the student will always need supported employment, parents should contact the ADRC of NW Wisconsin for information on **\*Long Term Care Programs**. If integrated employment has been achieved and the student may need access to a computer, help developing a resume, help finding a job, or needs financial assistance with items/clothing/training needed to achieve vocational goals after high school the student/parents can contact:

Polk County-Workforce Resource at 715-485-3115  
Burnett County-Northwest CEP at 715-635-2175

# Transition Decision Tree

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