

Attention High School Students and Parents!

The New York State Education Department ACCES-VR has two (2) pathways for students with disabilities (ages 14-23) to obtain services.

ACCES-VR offers **Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)** that will help students develop a better understanding of their career goals, strengths, interests, and abilities. They are designed for younger students, are very easy to access and do not require an application to ACCES-VR.

Alternatively, ACCES-VR can provide additional services to assist in the transition period of getting ready to leave high school. These [transition services](#) (which include Pre-ETS) are geared for older students closer to exiting high school (within two years) and will require students to submit an application to ACCES-VR.

	Path 1	Path 2
**Recommended for who?	Recommended for younger students who have more than two years of high school left (age 14 and older.)	Recommended for older students within two years of high school completion (age 14 and older.)
What services are available under this pathway?	<p>Pre-Employment Transition Services geared towards younger students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-advocacy skills training • Job exploration counseling • Post-secondary options counseling • Workplace Readiness Training (to develop social skills and independent living) • Work-based Learning Experiences which include paid internships with job mentoring. 	<p>The full scope of vocational rehabilitation services that are geared towards older students (and adults) who need less exploration services and more transition assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes all Pre-ETS from Path 1 • Career Counseling • Job Placement assistance • Supported Employment • College assistance • Job Training • Customized Employment • And more
What can I expect from these services?	<p>Service options are customized to meet each student’s needs and career goals.</p> <p>Local providers are available to meet in person, at your school or virtually.</p> <p>Services are typically provided in a group or classroom setting but can be individualized upon request.</p>	<p>Service options are customized to meet each student’s needs and career goals.</p> <p>Local providers are available to meet you at your school, in the community or virtually.</p>

<p>How can I get these services?</p>	<p>It's very easy and there is no need to submit an application to ACCES-VR. The Pre-ETS provider for your school is:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Give them a call or email and let them know you'd like to receive Pre-ETS. They'll get some basic information from you and let you know when you can start. It's that easy !!!</p> <p>You can also contact your school's ACCES-VR Transition and Youth Services Counselor for more information:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>You will need to submit an application and be determined eligible for ACCES-VR services.</p> <p>You can ask your school's transition coordinator for one, you can call your local ACCES-VR office to attend an orientation, or, you can access the application on line here.</p> <p>In order to expedite this process, please be sure to include your school records (psychological, IEP, 504, medical forms, etc.)</p>
<p>What happens after the student successfully completes the services?</p>	<p>Upon completing the Pre-ETS through Path 1, the student can apply to ACCES-VR to get further assistance or, they can choose not to.</p>	<p>Successful completion of the individualized VR program (which generally spans months/years) leads to employment and the start of a career!</p>

Can I have it all???

You sure can!!! The ideal pathway would be for a younger student to start off by receiving Pre-ETS through Path 1 early in their high school enrollment. Upon completion of Pre-ETS through Path 1 and when they are within two years of exiting high school, their Pre-ETS provider will help them submit an application for VR services.

For more information, please contact your local ACCES-VR office's [Senior VR Counselor Transition and Youth Services](#)

**** This is just a recommendation. Students as young as 14 years old can apply for VR services, and, high school students who have not yet reached their 23rd birthday can receive services through the Potentially Eligible pathway.*

