

Transition Words to Know

The Hawai'i Department of Education (DOE) partners with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) through the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process. Below are some common acronyms and words you may hear at an IEP meeting, with the DVR counselor or during training and work opportunities.

DVR

- **CRP:** Community Rehabilitation Program - private organizations, contracted by DVR, that provide Pre-ETS training and work-based learning to students.
- **Full DVR Eligible:** After filling out the complete DVR application, and the student is found eligible, they can receive additional services like a job coach or assistive technology, as written in the IPE, while still in school.
- **IPE:** Individualized Plan for Employment - a roadmap of the student's full DVR employment goals and how to achieve them. It lists services, supports and who provides them, updated annually.
- **Potentially Eligible:** A student with a disability, aged 14-21, who has an active IEP or 504 plan, who can receive Pre-ETS services after applying for them.
- **Pre-ETS:** Pre-Employment Transition Services - includes Job Exploration, Instruction on Self-Advocacy, Work-Readiness Training, Work-Based Learning Experiences and Counseling on Post-Secondary opportunities.

DOE

- **PINS:** Preferences, Interests, Needs and Strengths. These are used to fill out the transition page of the IEP, to drive goals for education & training, employment, and independent learning.
- **Project LIFE:** A DOE transition program, available only in certain districts, for 14-18 year olds. Students attend a work site off campus, 2-3 days a week for 2-3 hours, accompanied by DOE staff to learn job skills. For students on a certificate pathway.
- **Project SEARCH:** A DOE transition program, available only in certain districts, for 18-21 year olds, who work at a minimum of 4 hours at an off campus job site with DOE staff for the whole school year. For students on a certificate pathway.
- **WBL:** Work-Based Learning. Paid or unpaid work experience that can be on campus, led by DOE staff, or it can be off campus, led by DOE or CRP staff. After each WBL opportunity, an evaluation is generated and shared with the DVR counselor, to plan and prepare for the next work experience.

Q & A

Q: Where can I find out who the CRP's are in my area and what they do?

A: Visit the Footsteps to Transition website, a Hawaii-based transition resource. Under the "College & Career" tab, you will find a list of CRP's statewide.

Q: Can DVR pay for college classes?

A: Yes, as long as the classes align with the employment goals of the student, as written in the IPE, along with other requirements, like filling out a FAFSA form.

Q: Can a student have more than one CRP?

A: Yes. Talk to your child's DVR counselor to find out what other CRPs can offer.

What Parents Can Do

- Talk to your teen about their interests, needs and strengths and share that information with the IEP team.
- Visit our transition website Footstepstotransition.weebly.com to learn more about transition on your island and attend a transition fair.
- Ask questions and be an active partner in the transition process.

