

## STRIVE PROGRAM

This course is designed to provide special needs students with an effective cooperative of daily living and vocational experiences/activities.

Students engage with such activities through intensive labs incorporating direct instruction, assessment, hands-on participation, and real world/community based instructional opportunities.

The dual focus of the program (daily living & vocational) allows students to develop increased independence in areas critical to post-secondary success, preparing for a future of active engagement within their families and communities.

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Gilbert Public  
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**S-Students**  
**T-Transitioning**  
into  
**R-Real World**  
**I-Independence**  
**V- Vocational**  
**E- Exploration**

## LOCATION/TRANSPORTATION

-The STRIVE program is located at Highland High School in the Gilbert Public School District

-The hours for the STRIVE program are 8:30am - 1:30pm

-Young adults can attend the STRIVE program after the IEP team convenes and determines that STRIVE is the appropriate placement for the individual.

-Young adults will be picked up from their home schools after 1st hour by program staff members via GPS vans, and transported to Highland High School.

- Upon completion of the STRIVE day, students will be transported to their homes by program staff members via GPS vans.

- Community experiences will be provided through program staff members via GPS vans.

## Career related Activities:

- Career Investigation and Skills Inventories
- Short-Term and Long-Term Goals
- Finding, Getting and Keeping a Job
- Job-Specific Skills and Task Analysis
- Basic Employment Words, Forms and Laws
- Personal Responsibility and Accountability
- Applying for a Job, Cover Letters and Resumes
- Job Interviews
- Disability Disclosure
  
- Appropriate Workplace Conduct
- Time Management and Organizational Skills
- Dressing, Grooming and Hygiene Etiquette
- Cooperating with a Team
- Work Signs and Safety
- Career-related Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking Skills

- Healthy Living
- Community Participation
- Utilization of Resources
- Self-determination
- Transportation
- Personal Safety
- Personal independence
- Participation in Leisure Activities
- Disability Awareness
- Personal Responsibility Self-Advocacy

## Daily Living Activities:

- Food Preparation
- Financial Management
- Housekeeping