



Indicator 13 Transition Services: Course of Study

What is the course of study?

- A course of study is a multi-year description of coursework to achieve a student's desired post-school goals (MPGs) for the student's current year to the anticipated exit year. (Source: Storms, J., O'Leary, E., & Williams, J. (2000). Transition requirements: A guide for states, districts, schools, universities, and families. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota, Institute for Community Integration.)
- These courses are to be completed during high school; they are not courses that the student will take after exiting.
- The courses identified in the course of study should be focused on:
 - Improving academic and functional performance and
 - Meeting the individual needs of the student that would reasonably enable him or her to meet the entry-level expectations of the MPGs.

How does the IEP team choose courses, especially if the school does not have a large selection to choose from?

- Consider courses in which transition activities can be completed.
- Consider the foundational knowledge and skills requirements of the MPGs when looking at the student's academic and functional ability.
 - Will remedial or resource courses be sufficient to prepare the student for the expectations of the postsecondary institution?
 - Are the courses identified going to prepare the student to enter the chosen career?
- When possible, include CTE courses that match the MPGs.
 - If the student wants to be a chef, the course of study would include culinary arts.
 - If the student wants to be an auto mechanic, the course of study would include autos.
- If CTE courses are limited or not available, include courses that will address other skills needed for the MPGs
 - If the student wants to be a policeman, the course of study would include additional PE courses to prepare the student for the physical demands of the training and job.
 - If the student wants to work in a medical field, the course of study would include anatomy, physiology, or chemistry to prepare the student for the vocabulary associated with a postsecondary medical program.

- *BE SURE TO PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF HOW THE COURSE OF STUDY WILL PREPARE THE STUDENT FOR THE MPGs.*



For more information, please watch this brief video on [Course of Study](#).