

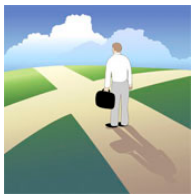
Middle School to High School Transition Tips for Students

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We believe that children can and do make valuable contributions to transition programs and that listening to their views, responding to their challenges, and respecting their existing understandings can be an educational experience for all concerned.

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Students Can Practice Making Choices by:



Making own decisions and learn to deal with the consequences.



Selecting freshman classes: required ones and electives.

Students Can Practice Speaking Up for Themselves by:

IEP

Leading own IEP meetings. It is the student's life that is being discussed. The student voice and buy in is critical.



Explaining, "Disability is a natural part of life. A green apple is more like red apples than different. A person with a disability is more like people without disabilities than different."

www.disabilityisnatural.com

Students Can Explore Possibilities by:



Consider having a Person Centered Planning session to help plan your future.



Talk to high school upper classman and ask for tips they have on making high school years successful.