

HIGH SCHOOL/HIGH TECH INCLUDES

- Setting high expectations for all youth
- Focusing on the assets of youth
- Creating strong and fun-filled peer group opportunities
- Promoting self-determination
- Providing a welcoming and encouraging environment for all youth



WHO BENEFITS FROM HIGH SCHOOL/HIGH TECH PROGRAMS?

- **Youth** – find and explore new and exciting opportunities and careers in technology
- **Parents** – watch their children become more independent and productive
- **Employers** – gain access to a new, viable, and well-trained labor source
- **Our Country** – gains more citizens contributing to the tax base

High School/High Tech (HS/HT) programs receive assistance through the National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth, a technical assistance consortium, as well as connections to other programs and state coordinators, through national and state affiliation. Affiliation is a voluntary, no-cost opportunity for localities or states to join a national network of HS/HT sites.

For more information visit the HS/HT Web site:

www.highschoolhightech.net

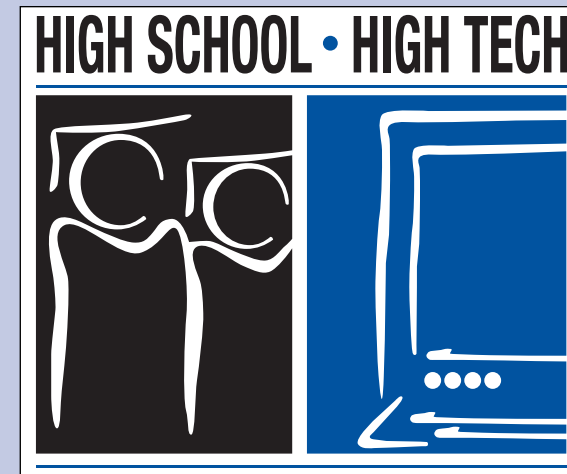
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EXPERIENCES ARE LIMITED ONLY BY IMAGINATION!

High School/High Tech programs are partnering nationwide to expose young people with disabilities to a wide range of technology careers... from computers to biotechnology... from transportation to weather tracking... from landscape design to healthcare.



High School/High Tech is an Initiative of the Office of Disability Employment Policy, U.S. Department of Labor.

WHAT IS HIGH SCHOOL/ HIGH TECH?

High School/High Tech programs help youth with disabilities make better, more informed decisions about their careers...and their futures.



High School/High Tech's mission is to reduce the dropout rate of youth with disabilities, increase their enrollment in college, and improve their participation in employment-related activities.

High School/High Tech programs develop and sustain youth-based partnership building strategies in order to:

- Promote technology-based careers and education for youth, between the ages of 14 and 22, regardless of disability.
- Provide two years of extracurricular program support during and after the school day.

SUPPORT FOR HIGH SCHOOL/ HIGH TECH PROGRAMS

ODEP:

The Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy is supporting the expansion of High School/High Tech through state-based demonstration projects. These demonstrations are to assist states, working in partnership with the State Workforce Investment Boards and others, in implementing a statewide High School/High Tech program, integrating the program into other youth services and ensuring sustainability of the High School/High Tech program through state-level management and coordination.

LEGISLATION:

Much has been learned in the past 10 years about what young people need to know and be able to do to make informed decisions about preparing themselves for the adult world. The work of High School/High Tech programs is supported by many pieces of legislation. See the High School/High Tech Program Manual for more information, online at:

www.ncwd-youth.info/resources_&_Publications/hsht_manual.html

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HIGH SCHOOL/HIGH TECH PROGRAMS ARE ORGANIZED AROUND FOUR EVIDENCE-BASED DESIGN FEATURES

Preparatory Experiences

- Career interest and vocational assessments
- Work readiness skills

Work-based Experiences

- Site visits and tours
- Job shadowing
- Internships
- Entrepreneurship

Connecting Activities

- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Assistive technology
- Transportation and other employment support services

Youth Development and Leadership

- Personal leadership development
- Organizational leadership and interpersonal skills development
- Supportive adult mentoring