



Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Remote Transition Support Tips

How can VR support schools and students during periods of remote or hybrid instruction?

Vocational Rehabilitation can:

- Work with school districts and charter schools to provide virtual Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) for students with disabilities
- Connect with new students and process intake applications remotely
- Update the Individual Plan for Employment (IPE) for students receiving VR services with information about remote options
- Participate virtually in Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) committee meetings
- Support schools and students in finding work from home internships or opportunities

How can schools collaborate with VR during periods of remote or hybrid instruction?

Schools can:

- Establish communication ground rules and maintain consistent communication with the Transition Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (TVRC) or the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC)
- Follow guidance from the [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) when inviting VR staff to ARD committee meetings
- Share information with the TVRC/VRC about remote learning strategies used for instruction, as well as remote learning resources that may complement Pre-ETS training
- Work with the TVRC/VRC to determine how to track student participation in Pre-ETS training (remote and in-person)
- Update the TVRC/VRC, as changes occur throughout the year, about options for instructional continuity provided by the school
- Discuss options for hosting a virtual transition fair for students and families to help them learn more about VR
- Share information about the [online student transition fairs](#) hosted by VR during the 2020-2021 school year

Terms to Know

Transition Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (TVRC)

A transition vocational rehabilitation counselor is a qualified VR counselor who primarily works with a specialty caseload of transition-age students with disabilities.

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC)

A vocational rehabilitation counselor primarily serves adults with disabilities and may also serve a caseload of transition-age students. VRCs have knowledge about labor markets, business trends, and employment law.

Additional Resources



Directory of Texas Workforce Solutions – Vocational Rehabilitation Services Offices

To find your local VR office, use the directory of Vocational Rehabilitation Services offices, which is searchable by zip code.



Pre-ETS Series Student-Centered Transitions Network

For more information about Pre-ETS, download the fact sheets on the Student-Centered Transition Network website. These fact sheets provide an overview of each of the 5 core areas of Pre-ETS.