Recommended resources, services, and activities for students with disabilities as they prepare for life after high school.

Discuss Transition with Teachers, Students and Parents
5. Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
24. Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE)
32. Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Programs
33. University of Oklahoma Zarrow Center for Learning Enrichment

College or/Core Track, Gear Up/OHLAP
7. Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)
23. Oklahoma’s Promise
24. Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE)
28. School for the Blind (OSB) / School for the Deaf (OSD)

After School & Summer Options
1. 211 Oklahoma
5. Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
28. School for the Blind (OSB) / School for the Deaf (OSD)
32. Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Programs
34. Workforce Oklahoma

Transition Assessments/ Career Interest Inventories
24. Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE)
33. University of Oklahoma Zarrow Center for Learning Enrichment

Picture Identification & Pass 8th Grade Reading Test
17. Oklahoma Department of Public Safety
24. Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE)

Request Appropriate Accommodations
2. ABLE Tech Oklahoma
19. Oklahoma Family Network (OFN)
22. Oklahoma Parents Center (OPC)
24. Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE)
33. University of Oklahoma Zarrow Center for Learning Enrichment

Dispute Resolution
31. Special Education Resolution Center (SERC)

Prepare for High School
23. Oklahoma’s Promise
24. Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE)

Independent Living & Social Skills
22. Oklahoma Parents Center (OPC)

Information and Referral
30. Sooner SUCCESS

Work Permits - Your Local School
1. 211 Oklahoma: Provides information, referral and assistance for Oklahomans with disabilities and special health care needs. Oklahoma City and Western Oklahoma: 877-362-1606 or Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma: 877-836-2111, www.211oklahoma.org

2. ABLETech Oklahoma: Helps with assistive technology by offering a short-term equipment loan program, demonstration centers, reuse, low interest bank loan, information, and referral. 800-257-1705, www.abletech.org

3. Accessible Instructional Materials Center: Provides textbooks and other instructional materials in Braille, large print and other accessible formats to students who are unable to use standard print. 405-521-3914, 800-523-0286, www.library.state.ok.us/aim

4. Center for Learning and Leadership: Supports individuals and family members through the various community programs and helps navigate through the Oklahoma Family Support 360° Center. 405-271-4500, 800-627-6827, www.ouhsc.edu/thercenter


6. Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS): Provides services to persons ages 3 and older who have an intellectual disability (IQ of 70 or below) or other developmental or physical disabilities. 405-521-6267, www.oddsy.org

7. Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP): Works to make sure Oklahoma 5th-12th grade students and their parents have the information needed to prepare academically, socially and financially for college. 405-225-9239, 800-858-1840, www.okgearup.org

8. Housing and Urban Development (HUD): This federal agency addresses America’s housing needs. Provides mortgage insurance and rental subsidies to lower-income families, develops HUD-Insured multifamily housing, and enforces Federal Fair Housing laws. 800-955-2232, www.hud.gov


11. Liberty Braille: Provides large print and Braille textbooks to Oklahoma public school students grades K-12 who are unable to use standard print. 405-562-3996, 800-920-3369, www.libertybraille.com

12. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): Education and support programs which include: Peer Recovery Support Specialist, Family-to-Family and In Our Own Voice: Living with Mental Illness. 405-230-1900, 800-583-1264, www.namioklahoma.org

13. Office of Disability Concerns and Client Assistance Program (CAP): Provides information and training for people with disabilities. CAP is your personal advocate for clients of the Department of Rehabilitation Services Programs, clients of independent living, and clients with concerns with their educational institutions. 405-522-6702, 800-522-8224, www.ok.gov/odc


15. Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education: Provides leadership, resources, and assures standards of excellence for a comprehensive statewide system of career and technology education. 405-377-2000, www.okcareertech.org

16. Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services: Community mental health and substance abuse crisis intervention services, psychiatric hospital services, alcohol and drug treatment. Referral Hotline: 800-522-9054, ok.gov/odmhsas

17. Oklahoma Department of Public Safety: Obtain a Driver License/ID Card. https://oklahoma.gov/dps.html

18. Oklahoma Disability Law Center (ODLC): Provides legal services to eligible clients consistent with the established priorities and objectives. OKC: 405-525-7755, Tulsa: 918-743-6220, 800-880-7755, www.okdlc.org


20. Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA)/SoonerCare (Oklahoma Medicaid): Helps pay some or all medical bills for people who can’t afford them. OHCA is the state agency that administers the program and determines financial eligibility for the program. 405-522-7300, 800-987-7767, 800-757-5979 TDD, www.okhca.org

21. Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (OLBPH): Free library service for persons who are blind, visually impaired, have a learning disability or have a physical limitation. 405-521-3514, 800-523-0298, www.library.state.ok.us


23. Oklahoma’s Promise: Covers college tuition for up to five years at any public college or university in the state. 405-225-9152, 800-858-1840, www.okhighered.org

24. Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE), Special Education Services (SES): Offers information and technical assistance to families at all stages of the educational process and support for teachers and service providers. 405-521-3351, sde.ok.gov/special-education


27. OKSTABLE: Tax-free savings plan for disability related expenses. okstable.org


29. Social Security Administration Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)/Supplemental Security Income (SSI): For qualifying persons with a disability, pays benefits to you and members of your family based on your work history. For qualifying persons with a disability, pays benefits based on financial need. The website for the U.S. Social Security Administration. https://www.ssa.gov/disability/

30. Sooner SUCCESS is a statewide program that assists families with comprehensive resource coordination, respite vouchers, community supports such as Sibshops and other programs specifically for families that have a child with special needs. To learn more visit https://sooneersuccess.okhsc.edu, email sooneersuccess@okhsc.edu or call 405-271.2710 or 877.441.0434

31. Special Education Resource Center (SERC): Helps school districts and parents resolve disputes at the earliest stage possible. 918-270-1849, https://okserc.org/


34. Workforce Oklahoma: Serves customers in finding jobs, making career decisions, and training. https://oklahomaworks.gov/

35. Woven Life (Formerly Easter Seals): Offers a Child Development Program for children ages birth through five-years-old, and Adult Day Center for adults and seniors, and onsite Speech and Occupational Therapy. 405-239-2525, https://www.wovenlifeok.org/

36. Youth Leadership Forum: Leadership training to Oklahoma high school juniors and seniors with disabilities. 405-521-4984, https://okdce.org/youth-leadership-forum