DVR’s Pre-Employment Transition Services
Kwinton Stewart

Diesel Technology Program
Pre-Employment Transition Services (PETS)

(1) Job exploration counseling

(2) Work-based learning experiences

(3) Counseling on opportunities for enrollment in comprehensive transition or postsecondary educational programs at institutions of higher education

(4) Workplace readiness training to develop social skills

(5) Instruction in self-advocacy

Even if they never apply for DVR services
DVR must set aside 15% of its budget to provide Pre-Employment Transition Services to students with a disability.

- 14 to 21 and still in School
- Have an IEP or 504 Plan

OR

- A student who is **Potentially eligible** for DVR services because of a physical, sensory, intellectual, mental health, or communication disability, not “identified” by the school district for special education or related services.

ex. could be students who have difficulties learning, or difficulties with attention or they are challenged in an emotional or behavioral way. This could also include kids who have been through treatment, involved in foster care or juvenile justice.
Introduction to Entrepreneurship and Small Business Concepts

“Not a school store”
S’Cool Store’s 5 modules introduce students to entrepreneurship and small business concepts through developing a business plan and putting the plan into action.
Students, working together, have a chance to develop their very own small pop-up business while discovering their own interests and talents.

S’Cool Store teaches the 21st century skills employers are looking for:

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http://labor.alaska.gov/dvr/transition-scool-store.htm
Two Ways to Get Paid for S'Cool Store

☑ **After School Activity**
  $50 Visa Card to open S'Cool Store Pop Up
  $1,500 stipend directly to teacher

☑ **In-School Activity**
  $1,500 is paid directly to the school to enhance and expand transition services for students with disabilities
After school workplace readiness training based on “Skills to Pay the Bills”

7 modules that cover the Soft Skills that every employer is looking for:

- Communication
- Teamwork
- Enthusiasm and Attitude
- Problem Solving

Plus: Self-advocacy for disability disclosure and workplace accommodations
JOBZ Club on “Roids”

LKSD JOBZ Club, Bethel
DVR can pay teachers to start a JOBZ Club in their school:

Teachers become “Teacher Vendors” for DVR.

Teachers are paid to facilitate JOBZ Club in their school as a pre-application Pre-ETS activity.

$1,500 for a minimum of 5 students with a disability participating in a club.

Pizza Challenge: [Chefornak JOBZ Club Video](#)
**Transition Camps** - 3 to 5 Day camp delivered by SERRC staff that combines engaging activities, transition resources, training and presentations tours from:

- Businesses
- Post-secondary Education
- Vocational Training Providers
- Unions
- Financial Institutions
- Local and State Government
- Job Centers
Over 180 students participated in Paid Work Experiences provided through school districts and community agencies in 12 urban and rural communities.

Participating School Districts include:

- Lower Kuskokwim School District (Bethel & Chefornak) – 25 students
- Cordova City School District – 12 students
- Unalaska City School District – 5 students

http://www.labor.state.ak.us/dvr/transition/summer-work-program-descriptions-2019.pdf
Research has shown that previous work experience was the most important factor for employment success, both in terms of job attainment and earnings.

- Florida State University
SUMMER Work Program is:

4 to 6 week program that combines 145 hr. paid work with 15 hr. paid Instruction.

DVR provides funding for staff to run the program (around $1,800 - $2,000 per student).

DVR provides wages for the students: 160 hr. x 9.89 = $1,582.
Transition Tools for Teachers Website

http://labor.alaska.gov/dvr/transition.htm

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