

# 18+ PROGRAMS & SERVICES

for students with disabilities

## What Is 18+?

18+ programs and services are designed to support students in applying the skills they learned during their school years in the environments they will be accessing in adult life. What happens when the bus stops coming and school services are no longer available? 18+ services should focus on putting the adult schedule in place, including needed supports, while the student and their family still have support through school.

## Who Is Eligible?

Students with disabilities who receive modified content in one or more courses for state graduation credit are eligible for 18+ services if they

- ✓ have met credit and assessment requirements for graduation, and
- ✓ have not reached age 22 by September 1 of the school year.

See the *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook* for more on age eligibility

This At-a-Glance document outlines the requirements and recommendations for implementing effective 18+ services.

## SCHOOL DAY

M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su

- Classes, bell schedule
- School bus
- Special education supports
- System-centered

## ADULT SCHEDULE

M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su

- What will these young adult be doing after school services end?
- Where will they go during the day? How will they get there? What skills do they need to be successful?
- Who can support needs based on their disability?

## The Purpose of 18+ Is To Support Each Student In

- building a sustainable adult schedule,
- increasing independence,
- learning the academic and functional skills needed to meet postsecondary goals,
- eliminating barriers to employment and community access,
- fading school supports while developing natural/paid supports
- preparing for the day the bus stops coming!