

THE ROSEDALE TLC PROGRAM

TRANSITION TO LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Goals of the TLC Program:

The Rosedale TLC program prepares students and their families for life after graduation by offering daily community and vocational experiences outside the classroom. TLC staff provide students and families with the support necessary to create a meaningful life plan for their students following graduation. This is accomplished by assessing the self-help, social/emotional, communication, independent living, community, and vocational skills of each student entering the program and interviewing their families and caregivers to determine high priority needs and plans after graduation. Using person-centered planning, we discuss where students live, who will care for them, and how they will meaningfully fill their day after graduation. We design an individualized program based on the assessment results and the student's life plan. Rosedale TLC parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend monthly informational sessions on community resources and to network with other parents seeking opportunities, social experiences, and resources for their students after graduation.

Current Job Site Examples:

- Angel House Soup Kitchen
- Pinballz
- Clifton School
- Main Event
- Westover Hills Church
- New Life Church
- Gustos Italian Kitchen
- Main Event
- Austin Pets Alive
- Golden Salon

(Student vocational skills include wiping windows/tables, rolling silverware, sorting papers, recycling, stuffing envelopes, organizing toys and merchandise, folding towels, etc)

Community Experience Opportunities:

- YMCA
- Local restaurants
- Public library
- Grocery shopping at HEB
- Local Parks and trails
- Barton Creek Mall
- Special Olympics
- Weekly field trips to parks, museums, the movies, etc.

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ABOUT THE TLC PROGRAM

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What is the Rosedale TLC Program?

The TLC program is an 18+ application-based transition program for students receiving special education services in Austin ISD. Students must be between 18 and 22 and have met minimum graduation requirements, including all STAAR and EOC testing. This community-focused program emphasizes gaining the experience and skills necessary to be an active member in the community after graduation. The TLC program is based at the Rosedale school, but students have daily opportunities to engage in off-campus activities. When on campus, the students will work in a practice apartment located on the second floor of our building, practice the skills necessary to complete and maintain their off-campus vocational opportunities, practice a variety of recreation and leisure skills (such as art, music, outdoor activities, sports, cooking etc.), or prepare for school-wide meetings and events. The program is designed to work with students and their families to develop individualized weekly schedules to prepare for vocational opportunities and community experiences that the student will be continuing after graduation. The teachers and staff in the Rosedale TLC program will work with students and families to find solutions to the significant issues that every special education student faces after graduation. The TLC staff will help explore living options after graduation, community adult day program opportunities, continuing education classes, available means of transportation, employment and volunteer opportunities, and recreation and leisure activities that fit the needs and interests of the student.

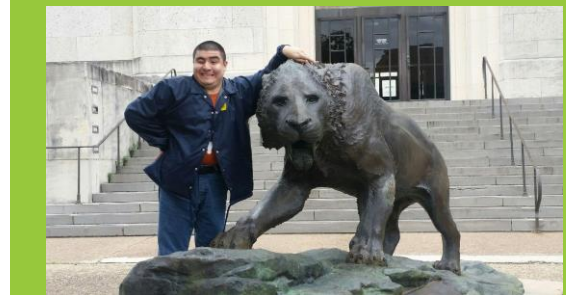
Who can participate in the TLC program?

Any student in special education between the ages of 18-22 who has met all graduation requirements is eligible to submit an interest-based application. The current students have a variety of abilities and varying levels of self-help, communication, and vocational skills. Students will be admitted on a case-by-case basis, depending on the student's needs. Students will not be turned away from the program for behavioral or medical needs unless it is unsafe for the student to be out in the community with the staffing available at our program. The TLC program is looking for students willing to develop their skills within the community whose family members and caregivers want to be active in creating a life plan for their student's future.

How do I start the application process for the TLC program?

If you are interested in the TLC program, please get in touch with the Rosedale TLC staff to learn more about the program and see if it would be the right fit for your student. If you are interested in the TLC program:

- The student's case manager must complete the TLC program application and submit it to Samantha Marion by the February deadline
- TLC teachers will observe the student at their home campus and in the community
- Students and caregivers must tour the program and discuss needs with TLC staff
- TLC will contact the student's current teacher to set up an ARD for the placement change if the student is accepted



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