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STEPS for Application to KSSB Transition Program

1. Student, School staff and Parents agree that the student will benefit from additional training, work experience or education before exiting special education services. Thus, the district is willing to pay the \$1,000 in-state fee* and provide transportation to & from KSSB each week per year student attends.
*for out of state fees contact [Jon Harding](#)
2. School staff request flyers, invite KSSB staff to IEP or arrange a tour of KSSB to help parents and students increase their knowledge base of the programs, in order to make an informed decision.
3. TSVI completes a request for service at www.kssb.net. Indicate in request Transition Program. Please submit a request by April 26, 2021.
4. Student completes Transition Program application at www.kssb.net, and if needed, with help from TSVI and Parents.
5. If a student is wanting to take college classes or enroll in a TEC program, arrange a tour of those campuses and programs. Students will need to apply online at www.kckcc.edu to create an account, obtain a student ID number and arrange to return to campus to take the Accuplacer placement tests prior to enrolling for the next semester. There are free online practice tests available at <http://accuplacerpractice.collegeboard.org> (Must register and create an account here too). Early enrollment for fall classes is April 1st 2021.
6. Lori Smith, Transition Specialist, will arrange visits to students' homes (or via Zoom) to complete a Person Centered Planning meeting to discuss and identify students' goals and answer additional questions to ensure everyone understands what to expect. This will also include a request for any additional evaluations that TSVI/COMS, Parents, and/or students want/need while at KSSB. Examples include: O&M, Low Vision Evaluation, Independent Living Skills, Assistive Technology, etc.
7. Student applies for Vocational Rehabilitation services if he/she doesn't already have an open case. This involves crafting an Individual Plan for Employment with their Counselor and identifying any assistive technology, or expenses that student would be asking the counselor to provide. Examples include: tuition, books, assistive technology, for KCKCC or TEC if applicable.
8. Student applies for Supplemental Security Income at their local Social Security Administration office if he/she doesn't already receive it upon their 18th birthday. If a student already receives it, SSA will initiate a case review to ensure that student still qualifies and student will become his/her own payee unless he/she requests otherwise.

For any additional questions or for more information please contact Lori Smith at lsmith@kssdb.org or you may call her at 913-305-3066.