



PROGRAM

Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) in partnership with Disability: IN North Carolina is pleased to announce that our successful STAR Program continues to expand across the state. We are now offering virtual summer courses on self-advocacy and workplace readiness from June 12 – July 26, 2023. The full schedule is below.

Does Your Child With A Disability Have A Plan For Post-High School?

The STAR program offers Pre-ETS* training services including 1) job and career exploration, 2) self-advocacy training, and 3) work readiness training. The STAR classes are provided during the school day, as an after-school program, and as a summer program offered virtually.

What Are Participants Saying About Star?

"The STAR program is very engaging for each student and a learning experience for both students and families. STAR helps families by providing tools and information to better understand your student with disabilities and preparing students with disabilities with the tools they need once they leave high school." — Parent of enrolled Star Student

Is My Child Eligible?

The STAR Program is open to high school students (ages 14 - 22) from all N.C. counties. Students with disabilities enrolled in the Future-Ready Course of Study (FRC), Occupational Course of Study (OCS), Extended Content Standards (ECS) or have a 504 plan are eligible. The STAR program serves students who attend public schools, charter schools, private schools, and home schools.

When Are The Star Courses Offered?

STAR is a virtual program and is offered throughout the school year and the summer. The classes may be offered individually or in a group session. The schedule of upcoming classes is below.

How Do We Apply?

There is no application deadline. *To apply, click <u>STAR-Pre-ETS-Program-Application-Nov.-2022.pdf (ecac-parentcenter.org)</u>, download and save the application form before filling it out. Email the completed application to: <i>starprogram@ecacmail.org*

When Are Classes Offered?

Self-Advocacy Class

2 classes scheduled – students can take one or both class times. All classes are virtual.

| Date | Class 1 | Class 2 |
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| Monday, June 12, 2023 | 1:00 -2:00PM | 3:00-4:00PM |
| Monday, June 19, 2023 | 1:00-2:00PM | 3:00-4:00PM |
| Monday, June 26, 2023 | 1:00-2:00PM | 3:00-4:00PM |
| Monday, July 10, 2023 | 1:00-2:00PM | 3:00-4:00PM |
| Monday, July 17, 2023 | 1:00-2:00PM | 3:00-4:00PM |
| Monday, July 24, 2023 | 1:00-2:00PM | 3:00-4:00PM |
| Monday, July 31, 2023 | 1:00-2:00PM | 3:00-4:00PM |

Workplace Readiness 101

2 classes scheduled – students can take one or both class times. All classes are virtual.

| Date | Class 1 | Class 2 |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Tuesday, June 14, 2023 | 1:00 -2:00PM | 3:00-4:00PM |
| Tuesday, June 21, 2023 | 1:00-2:00PM | 3:00-4:00PM |
| Tuesday, June 28, 2023 | 1:00-2:00PM | 3:00-4:00PM |
| Tuesday, July 12, 2023 | 1:00-2:00PM | 3:00-4:00PM |
| Tuesday, July 19, 2023 | 1:00-2:00PM | 3:00-4:00PM |
| Tuesday, July 26, 2023 | 1:00-2:00PM | 3:00-4:00PM |
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*Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) are a set of activities defined by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 (Public Law 113-128) intended to expose students with disabilities at an early age to self-advocacy, postsecondary training, and employment skills and options. WIOA requires that the state Vocational Rehabilitation program provide a continuum of services to students and youth which begins with Pre-ETS and, for individuals who are eligible for the vocational rehabilitation program, continues with vocational rehabilitation transition and employment services.





