

**DETERMINING EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT WITHIN AN IEP
FOR STUDENTS IN DRS SECONDARY TRANSITIONAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (STEP) OR OTHER SECONDARY
TRANSITION/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

This document is to assist IEP teams when completing the “Education Services and Placement” page of an IEP when determining the educational environment (EE) for students participating in STEP, career experiences, and pre-employment transition services.

Secondary Transition Activity	Components and Definitions	Educational Environment (EE)
Work-based learning experiences	Employment/internship in the community or on school campus working around nondisabled peers/adults with no support	General education with NO supplementary aids
	Employment/internship in the community or on school campus working around nondisabled peers/adults with a job coach, paraprofessional , or licensed special educator	Special education and related services within the general education classroom
Workplace readiness training and/or	Participation in general education class/setting with no special education services and no support provided	General education with NO supplementary aides
Job exploration counseling and/or	Participation in general education class/setting with supplementary aids provided by general education staff	General education with supplementary aids
Counseling on post-secondary education and/or training and/or	Participation in general education class/setting with special education services provided by a paraprofessional, or licensed special educator	Special education and related services within the general education classroom
	Participation in special education classes/services outside general education with special education services provided by licensed special educator	Special education services outside general education
Instruction in self-advocacy	Participation in special education classes/services outside general education with related services provided by licensed special educator or licensed paraprofessional	Related services outside general education

*licensed special educator includes special education teachers, speech pathologists, social workers, etc.