



PROJECT SEARCH/PROJECT BRIDGE
Student Application
2019-2020



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Application Purpose and Guidelines

The purpose of this application packet is to outline the skill set of the Project SEARCH/Project BRIDGE student candidate. This application enables the Selection Committee* to properly assess each student candidate's skills, abilities and background. A parent, student, counselor, teacher or employer may be contacted by the Selection Committee to gather additional information. Our final goal is to select students who will be successful in a Project SEARCH/Project BRIDGE program and reach the outcome of competitive employment.

Equal Opportunity

Career major placement will be made without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion or presence of a disability.

Project SEARCH/Project BRIDGE Entrance Criteria:

- Student must be between 18 thru 21 years of age (2019-2020).
- Must be a registered Miami-Dade County Public School Student.
- Student must have completed all requirements for graduation, certified by the current school counselor.
- Student must have completed Miami-Dade County Public Schools Deferment Process for graduation by May 15, 2019.
- Student must have a plan for employment through Vocational Rehabilitation (VR).
- Student must have independent personal hygiene and grooming skills.
- Student must have independent daily living skills.
- Student must maintain appropriate behavior and social skills in school and workplace.
- Student must take direction to change behavior.
- Student must be able to communicate effectively.
- Student must explore transportation options independently, including public transportation and/or apply for STS.
- Student should have previous successful experience in a work environment (paid or unpaid).
- Student applying for Project BRIDGE can participate 2 to 3 years as determined by staff or until student exceeds age of eligibility for Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).

Selection Process Guidelines:

- All students are encouraged to attend an informational session and must visit the host business site to observe the culture and possible rotations, and to meet the instructor and job coaches, prior to being interviewed by Project SEARCH or Project BRIDGE selection committee.
- If application is accepted, the Selection Committee will review the application and will contact candidate to set up an interview.

- If accepted to the program, the IEP will be developed for the 2019-2020 school year. Parent or guardian must be present.

*The Selection Committee may include representatives from Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Project SEARCH, Project BRIDGE, host business, The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and other agencies as appropriate. This application packet is utilized for high school transition candidates.

Documents MUST be submitted with the completed application by Friday, April 5, 2019
Application Packets must be submitted to:

**JRE Lee Educational Center
 Transition/Project Programs, Room 16
 6521 SW 62 Ave
 Miami, Fl. 33143**

Project SEARCH/Project BRIDGE Application Packet Checklist

The following must be completed and sent with the application:

- Completed Application Packet
- Current Individual Education Plan (IEP) including Transition Goals
- Current Academic Assessments (e.g., Brigance, i-Ready)
- Attendance History
- Clearance Letter from school counselor that all graduation requirements will be met
- Deferral of diploma must take place prior to May 15, 2019
- MED Waiver Document
- Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor certifies that student is in Plan Development Process or have an individual Plan for employment (IPE)
- Proof Guardianship/Transfer of Rights if parent is legal guardian
- Copy of State ID or driver's license
- Coy of Updated Shot/Immunization Record

*******INFORMATION MUST BE CURRENT*******

C. Employment Background:

List jobs you do or have done in school or in the community- *(Please include paid or unpaid employment)*

Job One:

| Employer/ Organization | Dates To / From | Supervisor Name | Contact Number |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
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| Job Title | Job Duties | Paid | Unpaid |
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Job Two:

| Employer/ Organization | Dates To / From | Supervisor Name | Contact Number |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
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| Job Title | Job Duties | Paid | Unpaid |
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Have you ever been terminated from a job?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever resigned from a job?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever been arrested?

- Yes No

If yes, please explain:

After the Project SEARCH/Project BRIDGE program is completed, do you plan on getting and maintaining a:

- Full-Time Job Part-Time Job

D. Transportation:

How do you plan to get to Project SEARCH/Project BRIDGE?

- Self-Transport
 STS
 Public Transportation (*Miami Dade Transit*)

E. Service Agencies:

Do you have a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor?

- Yes No

Counselor's Name _____ Phone _____

Are you eligible for Services Med Waiver/APD (Agency for People with Disabilities)?

- Yes No Never Applied

Counselor's Name _____ Phone _____

Are you receiving Social Security benefits?

- Yes No

F. Independent Living:

Are you taking any medications? (*Please List Name and Dosage*)

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Do you have any allergies? (*Please List*)

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List any limitations or medical issues that may impact internship rotation/employment:

G. Student Response Question:

Why do you want to come to Project SEARCH/Project BRIDGE? (*Student must complete.*)

H. List Three References (Non-Related):

| Name | Relation to You | Phone Number | Email Address |
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This application has been completed by:

Name Title Cell Phone

Signature Date

Name Title Cell Phone

Signature Date

Counselor/ESE Department Chairperson: *(Please attach clearance letter)*

Note: Student must have decided to defer the High School Diploma.

Total Credits to Date _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Does the student have the necessary credits for graduation? Yes No

Days Absent: 12th Grade _____

Tardies: 12th Grade _____

Attendance Comments:

SCAM: *(Attach if Applicable)*

Yes No

Counselor/ESE Department Chairperson Comments:

School Counselor's Name _____

School Counselor's Signature _____ Date _____

STUDENT PARTICIPATION CONTRACT
(Project SEARCH Only)

I, _____, understand that if I am accepted into the Project SEARCH program,
Student Name

I must abide by the following terms and conditions:

- I understand Project SEARCH is a one-year training program and I will actively pursue competitive employment when I have completed the program.
- I will complete at least three unpaid job rotations within the host business.
- I will attend the program every day as scheduled.
- I understand that the Project SEARCH program uses Best Buddies for Job Placement services.
- I will dress appropriately and wear required attire.
- I will call my instructor and departmental supervisors when I am absent or tardy.
- I understand that I am responsible for transportation to the host site.
- I will learn to use public transportation if necessary.
- I will follow all the rules established by the program and host business.
- I will attend and be an active participant at our monthly meetings with my rehabilitation counselor, parents, teachers, and business staff.
- At completion of the program, I will receive my high school diploma **and pursue competitive employment.**

I have read the above terms and conditions and agree to accept my placement in the Project SEARCH program.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date