

Our Services

There are two programs offered under the college & career pathways heading: WorkAbility I and We Can Work. Both programs offer and encourage paid work experience for high school students on an IEP. The We Can Work program also offers services to students on a 504 plan and can extend up to 1-year post graduation, as long as the student enrolls in a post-secondary education option. Programs:

- Provides pre-employment skills training, paid work experience, and follow-up services
- Offers special education students the opportunity to complete their secondary education while also obtaining marketable job skills.
- Benefits students, employers, and the community at large.
- Assess and interview students to assist with guidance towards post-secondary goals, including education and independence.

The WorkAbility 1 grant program is funded and administered by the California Department of Education. The We Can Work Program is funded and administered by the California Department of Rehabilitation.



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Our Amazing Team



Pictured from left to right: Danielle Bailey, Julie Romero, Lynn Bakke, Sean Miller, Adria Brownell, Sharon Byrne



Work Experience

Butte County places more than 200 students out in the community for work experience each school year. Students ages 16 to 22 and still in high school can work up to 300 hours dependent on performance and employer availability. Students under 16 in high school can participate in an introduction to work experience for up to 10 hours. Students are paid the current CA minimum wage.

During any College & Career Pathways work experience, students will be covered under the Butte County Office of Education Workers' Compensation and General Liability Insurance policies.

Employer Satisfaction

"WorkAbility 1 is a great program and we love having the students in the store. They do a great job, and you can tell they take pride in the job and enjoy being here. Our customers love seeing them working, too! We hope to be part of the program for years to come."

-Sara Wheeler, Grocery Outlet

"I like to see the students take pride in their work and they are getting real world work experience and exposure to our community. Everyone loves to see them every morning shift that they come and they're a member of our Round Table team as much as anyone of our own staff. I'm very glad they're here and we can help them, because they help us, it's a win/win!"

- Oscar Ortiz, Round Table Pizza



Placement and pay questions should be directed to the College and Career Pathways Office, or the job developer, not the work site. Work sites are employer partners who agree to take students and train them in employability skills. Please be aware this is voluntary on their part and we do a lot to obtain and retain these business partners for all our students. Treat them with respect, and if you can, support their business.

"The WorkAbility 1 Program for these young adults in high school has been successful in our store. They have learned to be accountable and have shown to be reliable and bring out exceptional qualities to our community and store environment. This can assist them in becoming successful adults as they apply for future employment!"

-David Rodriguez, Smart & Final