Guidance on Work-Based Learning Opportunities for Students with IEPs: Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)

As in previous years, students with IEPs are invited to participate in the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), a partnership between the DOE and the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), specifically designed to support work-based learning experiences for students who have IEPs. For six consecutive weeks in July and August, students ages 16–21 will engage in a remote, in-person or blended work-based learning experience, for 25 hours weekly at a rate $15.00 per hour, New York State’s minimum wage; students ages 14–15 will experience in-person or blended project-based learning and will receive a stipend.

You and your staff are encouraged to support students with IEPs with the application process. Interested students should submit a completed application for their age group through their borough’s Transition and College Access Center (TCAC) office by 5:00 p.m. on April 22.

- Students ages 16–21 should submit a completed SYEP Older Youth Participant Application; and
- Students ages 14–15 should submit a completed paper SYEP Younger Youth Participant Application.

Note that the SYEP is open to all NYC youth between the ages of 14 and 24. For questions, contact your borough TCAC office.