



EKWIPS Program

*Educating Students and Young Adults with
Work, Independent, Personal
and Social Skills*




EKWIPS Program (9-12+) Mission Statement


- To provide functional academic and community skill sets to promote independent living
- To develop appropriate social and functional communication skills
- To improve student opportunities in employment, recreation, and independent living as they transition from high school



Undergrad Academics (9-12th grade)

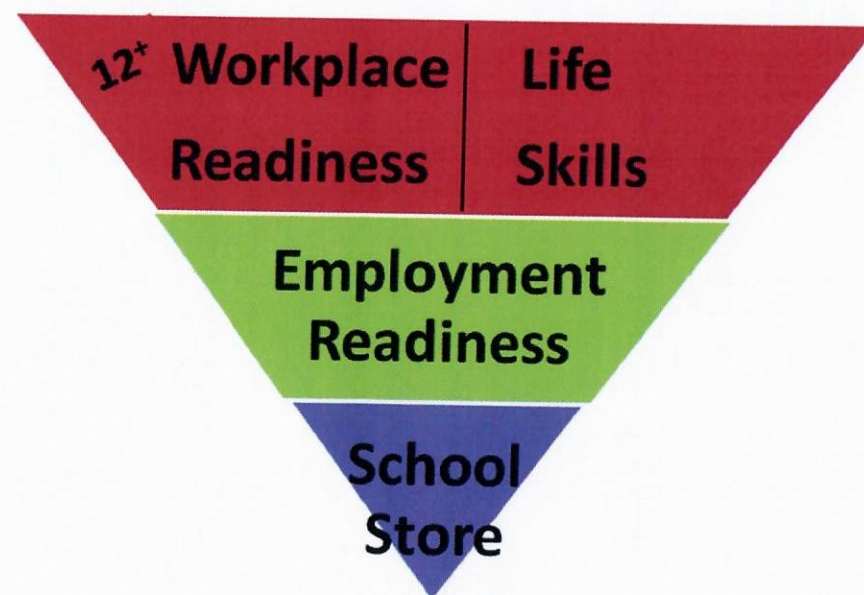
- Math
 - Functional skills in money, measurement, word problems, geometry
 - Science
 - 3 year rotating schedule including: Biology, Earth and Environmental Science
 - History
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 - English
 - Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt Read 180/System 44 Program
 - Adaptive Health/PE
 - Social skills, hygiene, body systems and functions, habits of a healthy lifestyle
 - Electives w/ general education population
 - Tech and Materials, Art, Ceramics, Convenience Foods, Foods for Fitness
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Student Abilities

- Reading Level
 - BR (beginning reader) to 2nd grade: lexile BR - 200, significant weaknesses in comprehension, decoding, encoding
 - Math Level
 - Pre-K to 3rd grade
 - Weaknesses in daily math skills
 - Requires Instruction in Social Skills
 - Direct instruction
 - Simulations/role playing
 - Requires Functional Skills Instruction
 - Self-awareness skills
 - Environmental awareness (surroundings)
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Transition Program

- Consists of a sequence of tiered courses designed to prepare students for successful, independent living and work after high school.
- Integration of person centered approaches in school transition (PCAST).
- Authentic structured learning experiences on campus as well as in the community.
- Skill acquisition assessed using daily task analysis forms, habit of week, and reflections.



School Store (9th-10th Grade)

- Functional Business Skills (School Store)
 - Money
 - Inventory /Profit
 - Merchandising
 - Marketing
 - Communication
- On-Campus Transferable Skills
 - School Cafeteria
 - Re-stocking
 - Janitorial
 - Assembly of food supplies
- Student Centered Job Opportunities
- Monthly CBI Trip (BJ's/Costco)
- Block 5 Cookie Sales



Employment Readiness (11th-12th Grade)

- Skills We Focus On:
 - Problem solving
 - Taking initiative
 - Motivation/work ethic
 - Goal setting
 - Awareness of safety of work environment
 - Reflection
- Current Jobs:
 - Campus book inventory
 - Maintain four “Take-a-book, leave-a-book” libraries
 - Stock teacher workroom snacks and coffee carts



Master Gardener Program (9th-12th Grade)

- Community Partnership with Rutgers Hunterdon County Extension
- School Store & Employment Readiness Classes join together once a week
- Lessons
 - Seeds (starting, sorting, storing)
 - Bugs (Friend or Foe - beneficial bugs)
 - Growing plants organically - all natural pest control
 - Deadheading flowers
 - Watering techniques
 - Crop Rotation
 - Harvesting Vegetables
 - Pruning/weeding (general upkeep and maintenance)



Workplace Readiness (12+/SLE)

- Traditional classroom instruction with community-based instruction (CBI) to provide authentic and meaningful structured learning experiences (SLE)
- The program is designed to match students' interests and skills with local businesses
- Students typically participate in 2-3, 12 week long volunteer work internships
- Job coaches on a 1:1 or 1:2 staff to student ration
- M-Th SLE 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Fri On-Campus



Past and Current Business Partners

Over 30
Partnerships!

- Ace Greenhouses
- Basil Bandwagon
- Bed Bath and Beyond
- Cervenka Farms
- Chick-Fil-A
- Copper Hill Country Club
- Crown Trophy
- Delizia's Pizza
- Family Success Center
- Flemington Dept. Store
- Flemington Ice Arena
- GameStop
- Grateful Bites
- HC Administrative Offices
- HC Buildings and Grounds
- HC Communications Office
- HC Health Services
- HC IT Department
- HC Library
- HC Parks and Recreation
- HealthQuest
- Hunterdon Medical Center
- Independence Manor
- Jersey Mike's
- Lowe's
- Marshalls
- Nex Level Fitness
- Presbyterian Pre-School
- Pomptonian Food Services
- Schaefer Farms
- ShopRite
- Sneakers Plus
- Stop and Shop
- Tabby's Place
- Theresa's Cafe
- The Goddard School
- United Way
- Verizon
- Walgreens

Workplace Readiness Partnerships

- Safety Workshops: Provided by both New Jersey Child Abuse Prevention (NJCAP) and School Safety Officer to increase personal safety awareness, problem solving strategies and self-advocacy skills.
- MAPS Club: Bi-monthly Making Action Plans group provided through the ARC of New Jersey's Planning for Adult Life program that focuses on 7 core principles.
- Social Skills Group: Bi-monthly group facilitated by school social worker/psychologist to equip students with more effective interpersonal and problem solving skills.
- Family Success Center 12+ Pizza Movie Night: Monthly social event offered through the Hunterdon County Family Success Center for current and former 12+ students to interact with friends in a safe community setting.
- Local Business Owners Tips and Strategies for Success in the Workplace:
 - Emphasize the importance of teamwork
 - Review effective customer service and communication skills
 - Provide key tips and strategies for interviews.


12+ Independent Community Living

- Supports post-graduate students with a successful transition to independent, adult living by first acquiring skills in a traditional classroom setting
- In conjunction with traditional classroom learning, this course:
 - Focuses on several functional skill sets
 - Provides authentic learning experience through community-based instruction (CBI) experiences
 - Incorporates social and problem solving skills, enhanced social communication, and recreational opportunities
 - Gives students the opportunity to be involved in volunteer and service learning

12+ Independent Community Living: Functional Skill Sets

- Meal Planning/Preparation
 - Prepare meal for monthly Senior Luncheon
 - Weekly cooking
- Consumer Shopping
 - Grocery, clothing, etc.
- Household Cleaning/Management
 - Household chores and cleaning
 - Washing dishes, using the dishwasher
 - Laundry Service (11/12 Café, TV Production, 9/10 Play)
- Personal Awareness/Safety
 - Personal hygiene and grooming
 - Personal health and safety
 - Personal Fact Sheet
 - Clothing labels/sizes
 - Nutrition (diet, exercise, etc.)
- Community
 - Social skills
 - Telephone skills (reminders for Senior Luncheon)
 - Utilizing local public transportation
 - Scheduling the Link for CBI trips
 - Placing an order
- Money and Time Management
 - Utilizing store circular/coupons
 - Read/write money amounts
 - Dollar-Up
 - Banking basics
 - Make price comparisons (generic vs. name brand)
 - Pay for items/receive change
 - Budgeting

12+ Independent Community Living: Community Based Instruction

- Break Away Entertainment
 - Buffalo Wild Wings
 - CVS
 - Dunkin' Donuts
 - Flemington Baptist Church
 - Flemington Post Office
 - Flemington Free Public Library
 - Flemington Firehouse
 - Five Below
 - HealthQuest (Zumba/Yoga)
 - Hunterdon Medical Center
 - IHOP
 - Jack's Pizza
 - Kohl's
 - Liberty Village
 - Paradise Golf
 - Hunterdon County Poly-Tech
 - Rite Aid
 - RVCC (Dare to Dream Conference)
 - Schaefer's Farm
 - Shaker Cafe
 - Shop Rite/Nutritionist
 - Smoothie King
 - Stop & Shop
 - Subway
 - TD Bank
 - Unicorn Therapeutic Riding Center
 - Virami's
 - Walgreens
 - Wal-Mart
 - West Hunterdon Lanes
 - YMCA
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12+ Independent Community Living: Social Skills Integration w/ SLP

1. Communication

- Conversation, topic identification and maintenance, non-verbal communication, phone skills, delivering a message and soliciting information

2. Emotions/Problem Solving (“Problem of the Day”)

- Identification of emotions (feelings thermometer)
- Identify situations that evoke the various emotions
- Controlling emotion/identify triggers
- Self reflection
- Taking responsibility for personal emotions
- Problem solving flowchart (identify and define problems, rate severity of problems, generate solutions, and self reflections)



3. Goal Setting

- SMART Model
 - Focus on all areas of the Independent Community Living. (student and parent feedback)
 - Assess/track progress of personal goals

12+ Independent Community Living: Volunteer/Service Learning

- Community Senior Luncheon at Flemington Baptist Church
 - 3rd Saturday of EVERY Month
 - Recognized by NJ School Boards Association, Received Innovations in Special Education Award 2017
- Family Promise (supports homelessness in Hunterdon County)
 - Snack/Meal Preparation (After-School Program & Families)
 - Bake Sale Fundraiser/Dream Dinner
- HC Memorial Flower Garden
 - Participate in CBI trip to Ace Greenhouses
 - Choose, Plant, and Maintain Memorial Flower Garden



PCAST- Person Centered Approach in Schools & Transitions

- Partnership with The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), and The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
- Conducts planning, development, and activities aimed at promoting effective transition for students with disabilities through the use of person-centered approaches
- Students are able to meet with other students, educators, family members, and advocates to identify the students' interests and needs as they approach adulthood
- Students will have the opportunity to begin developing their plan in their first year of high school
- Plan will serve as a tool for students IEP meetings, a collaboration with service coordinators, and resume for post-graduate years

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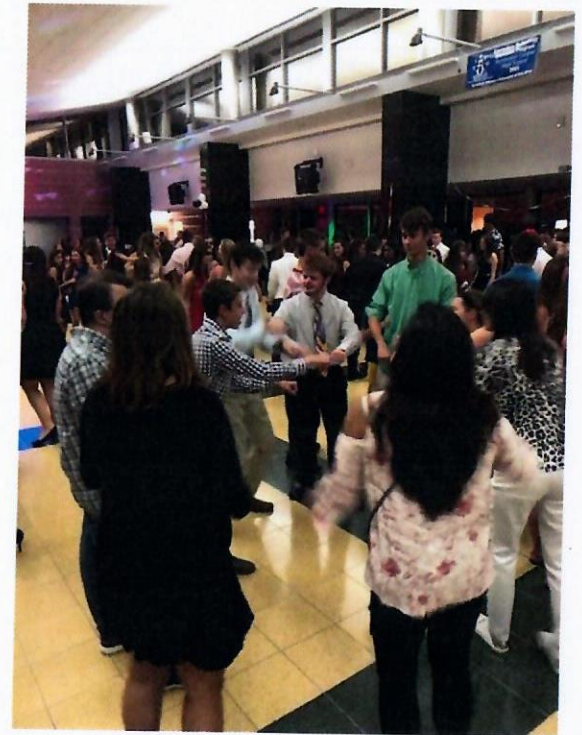
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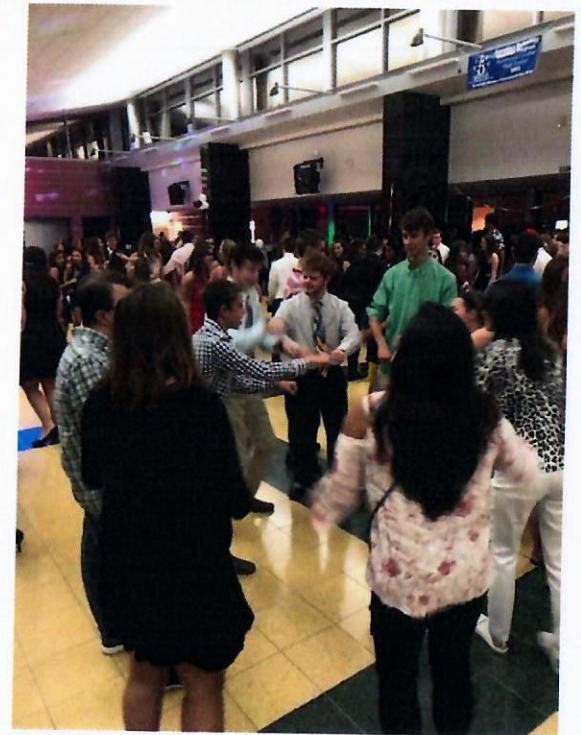
Peer Mentors

- General education peers support students in classroom, community, and vocational settings
- Create a positive learning environment
- Develops positive social interactions



Connect Club

- Neurotypical peer mentors join with students in the EKWIPS program to model appropriate social skills in order to “connect” with the large student body:
 - Club Buddies
 - Say What Karaoke
 - Friday Lunch Socials
 - Mr. Central
 - Dances (Winter/Spring, Homecoming)
 - Basketball games
 - School play/musical





Questions?

