

Who are the Students in TPYA

TPYA students are young adults who are enrolled in New Hanover County Schools (NHCS) and who meet the following criteria:

- 18 to 21 years old
- Completed 4 years in a high school setting
- Receive Special Education & Related Services through an Individualized Education Program (IEP) that indicates the student is on North Carolina Extended Content Standards as their course of Study.
- Able to navigate a variety of community settings safely.



Career Readiness Academy, At Mosley

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TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ADULTS “TPYA”



TPYA Profile

- New Hanover County Schools Special Education & Related Services developed the TPYA program in 1997 to serve 18-21 year old young adults with special needs.
- This unique program aligns with the mission of New Hanover County Schools to provide all students with the skills needed to “Reach, Equip, & Achieve”.
- Classrooms are located at the Career Readiness Academy, Mosley , 3702 Princess Place Drive and at Watson College of Education Building on the University of North Carolina Wilmington campus, 601 S. College Road.
- Students meet their instructors and classmates at their assigned sites.
- Students are provided their education, predominantly, within community settings.
- Educational strategies focus and support the “community classroom” concept and are designed to provide the skills necessary to function as an independent adult.

TPYA Overview

TPYA uses action-oriented teaming as well as coordination and collaboration with families and adult service providers to develop quality training leading to a seamless transition from school to community and adult life.

TPYA includes:

- Exploring the many facets of living and working within our local community
- Exposure to as many real-life hands-on experiences as possible
- Learning to make choices
- Person-centered planning emphasizing individual strengths, gifts, and talents
- Providing individuals with the resources to create a lifestyle of their own choosing
- Providing supports with the goal of improving each individual student’s independence levels .



What Our Young Adults Have to Say About the Program

“TPYA is awesome! I like how the teachers are helpful to everyone and I enjoy going out in the community with my friends and learning new things like cooking, cleaning and trying to become more independent.”
Matthew

“I like going on the city bus to Target and bowling. I like the fish at the Ability Garden, and I like to cook pizza at school.” - John

“ I like to vacuum the pit (at the Baptist Activity Center), set up chairs, put up the signs, and roll silverware out!”
- Greg

“I like doing the cooking and the laundry!”
Sybil

“I learned how to get to and from my job at Walmart without anyone’s help!”
-Larry

“I learned how to work in a school cafeteria kitchen so that I can get a job.” - Marquise

<p>For More Information Contact Your Child’s School or Career Readiness Academy @ Mosley 910-251-6161</p> <p>Additional Contact Information Special Education & Related Services Department Phone: 910-254-4445 Fax: 910-254-4446</p>
