



Project SEARCH®

at the City of Rochester



Project SEARCH® is a one-year, high school transition program for youth ages 18-21 with developmental disabilities. The program provides training and education leading to competitive employment. It serves as an alternative for students in their last year of high

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Project SEARCH®, founded in 1994 at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, is a nationally and Internationally recognized program for individuals with disabilities who are interested in training and preparation for competitive employment. Under the leadership of J. Erin Riehle and Susie Rutkowski, there are currently more than 300 Project SEARCH® programs through the United States, Great Britain, Australia, and Canada.

Visit the Project SEARCH® Website: <http://www.projectsearch.us>

Project SEARCH® in New York State is coordinated by

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Project SEARCH®:

- Provides training and education leading to competitive employment.
- Is based in the host business, The City of Rochester.
- Combines employability skills instruction with internship training.
- Enables students to participate in up to three different internship placements.
- Provides support and accommodations needed for success at the internship sites.
- Assists with the job search, including completing applications, follow up phone calls and interviewing.

About the Internships:

The training site placements are the cornerstone of the Project SEARCH® program:

- About 4 hours per day
- 10-12 weeks per placement
- 2-3 placements per student per school year
- Focus on marketable skills (including work and social skills)
- Constant feedback and assessment



A Typical Day:

7:45 am	Students arrive to classroom in City Hall
7:45-8:45 am	Classroom Instruction
8:45 am	Students depart for internships
9:00 am - 1:30 pm	Students at internship sites Lunch at internship
1:40-2:10 pm	Classroom Instruction
2:10 pm	Dismissal



Internship Sites Include:

- Verona Street Animal Shelter
- Water Bureau
- Neighborhood Service Centers
- Information Technology
- Human Resources
- Local History and Genealogy
- David Gantt Recreation Center
- Building Services
- Fleet Services
- Central Library
- Downtown Enhancement
- And More!

The Project SEARCH® School Year

