The Mississippi Certificate of Life Skills

In an effort to reduce the dropout rate of students with disabilities, and in compliance with the state and federal government's IDEA guidelines, The New Albany School District is offering disabled students the option of graduating with the Mississippi Certificate of Life Skills. Each local high school is offering only students with disabilities, as defined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Public Law 94-142), the option to earn a Certificate of Life Skills. Students with disabilities entering the ninth grade will have four options concerning a course of study:

1. *Mississippi High School Diploma*
2. *General Education Development Test (GED)*
3. *Mississippi Occupational Diploma*
4. *Mississippi Certificate of Life Skills (Certificate of Completion)*

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This option is designed for students with moderate to severe disabilities who, in the opinion of the IEP committee, are unable to earn a Standard High School Diploma (MS Code 37-16-7) or a Mississippi Occupational Diploma (37– 16-1(2)).

Students who pursue a Certificate of Life Skills will complete the following courses commensurate with their IEP objectives. Courses may be substituted from the general curriculum if approved by the IEP Committee.

Employment English.....4
Job Skills Math.....4
Life Skills Science.....4
Career Preparation.....4
Career/Technical Education.....2 (optional)*
Electives*.....4
***Approved by IEP committee**
***In the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE).**

Job development and job placement services in the student's senior year through the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and IEP committee.

A transition portfolio documenting successful classroom and work experiences.

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A Pathway to Competitive Employment

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