

MISSISSIPPI CERTIFICATE OF LIFE SKILLS CORE CURRICULUM

The Mississippi Certificate of Life Skills Curriculum is based on challenging, functional academic standards and promotes high expectations for the students with disabilities commensurate with their particular needs. In accordance with MS Code 37-16-11(1), students receiving special education services may be issued a Certificate of Completion (Certificate of Life Skills) which states: "This student has successfully completed an Individualized Education Program." Students at New Albany High School will complete four years of the following courses:

Employment English provides functional content necessary for achieving reading, writing, and language competency in the workplace and in community life.

Job Skills Math emphasizes functional math concepts designed to build math skills needed for successful employment and community living.

Life Skills Science provides health care knowledge, self-care skills, personal social skills, and basic scientific concepts relevant to adult life.

Career Preparation includes consumer responsibilities, geographical and governmental concepts, and application of learned concepts in the community.

Objective Mastery

As each standard is taught in the core curriculum courses, items of evidence representative of the student's level of performance as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) must be completed by the student and documented in the transition portfolio. These items serve as evidence that the goal or objective has been mastered. These items will be collected and preserved in the student's portfolio file until the time of that student's graduation date. A single item of evidence may be used to document more than one content standard and in more than one core curriculum course.



IEP

Review/Revision

During the IEP Review/Revision Meeting, prior to the student's entry into the ninth grade, the decision will be made for every student receiving special educational services as to the student's possibilities for meeting the requirements to earn a standard diploma, a Mississippi Occupational Diploma, or a Certificate of Life Skills (Certificate of Completion).

At intervals, but at least annually, the student's IEP will be reviewed and revised as his/her current achievement and needs dictate. The possibility for change from curriculum to curriculum will remain open, based on the IEP Committee's decision.

Each student who completes an approved course of study through the age of 21 will receive a standard Mississippi High School Diploma, Mississippi Occupational Diploma, or Certificate of Life Skills (Certificate of Completion) and will be permitted to participate in graduation exercises.