

While at the G.E.T. Program, students will have the opportunity to participate in the following activities to help prepare them for post-school adult living:

- Employability skills training in vocational areas of their choosing.
- Community Based Training (C.B.T.) – Students are able to earn high school credits while working in local businesses, gaining work experience in a job setting of their choosing.
- Life skills instruction – Students will learn how to do laundry, practice good nutrition, get adequate exercise, cook healthy meals, manage money, and interact appropriately with adults and peers.
- Community Access Field Trips – Students will learn how to navigate the RTS bus system and how to access county parks, libraries, government buildings, post offices, banks, grocery stores, the Oaks Mall, etc.
- Local support connections – Students will be connected to local organizations offering support, such as Vocational Rehabilitation, The Center for Independent Living, and other adult service agencies.
- Garden and Agriculture skills – Students will grow food in their own organic farm and state-of-the-art hydroponic greenhouse.
- Food Safety and Commercial Kitchen Skills – Students will receive SafeStaff training and learn to process and package produce for distribution to area schools.

G.E.T. Facebook Page:

Search for “Growing Education Training”

Alachua County Farm to School Website:

Alachuacountyfarmtoschool.wordpress.com

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ESE Transition Program



The Growing Education Training Program (G.E.T. Program) is a district transition program committed to providing real life work experience and support to Alachua County High School ESE students. The G.E.T. Program prepares and assists students in their transition from school to work to adult life in the community.



Students who show an aptitude for food service work will have the opportunity to be placed in an internship in a participating Alachua County Public School Cafeteria. During their internship students will work in a cafeteria setting and will be trained in various skills sets that are required of a real cafeteria worker. At the conclusion of a positive internship experience an interview will be arranged with an ACPS Food and Nutrition Service Supervisor to determine the student's employability. Thus far we have had great success with this process, and several of our students are now ACPS cafeteria employees.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Student receiving ESE services
- 18-22 years of age
- Has satisfied the graduation requirements for their diploma option
- Has deferred graduation
- Has acceptable school behavior
- Has regular attendance in school
- Demonstrates a willingness to work
- Is able to access the community and workplace independently
- Is recommended by the student's Individual Educational Planning Team



The G.E.T. Program is located at the Farm to School to Work Hub at the Horizon Center and on the campus of the Professional Academies Magnet at Loften High School. The Hub is a partnership between Alachua County Public Schools Exceptional Student Education Department, the Farm to School Program of the Food and Nutrition Department, and IFAS at the University of Florida.

The partnership between these three groups is having a positive effect on students throughout the school district. ACPS students are now able to enjoy the fresh fruits and vegetables grown by the G.E.T. Program as part of the school meals program.

