



BRIDGES is a postgraduate program providing students on-site training in a school-based business called DUDS & DOUGH. Students will work for two years in the business and then have the opportunity to work in the community under the supervision of a job coach the third year.



Students will operate a school-based consignment shop (DUDS) and catering service (DOUGH). The consignment shop will be open to the public. The catering service will be limited to workshops at the Education Center. Bridges is a full-day program that serves students in the 12th grade, and students ages 18-22.

All Vocational Pathway Programs are located on the campus of the Alternative Education Center in Wise. Transportation is provided daily to and from all of the Wise County high schools. If you have any questions or would like to recommend a student for any of the Pathway Programs, please contact Lena Hughes or Shelia Osborne at the Wise County Career-Technical Center.

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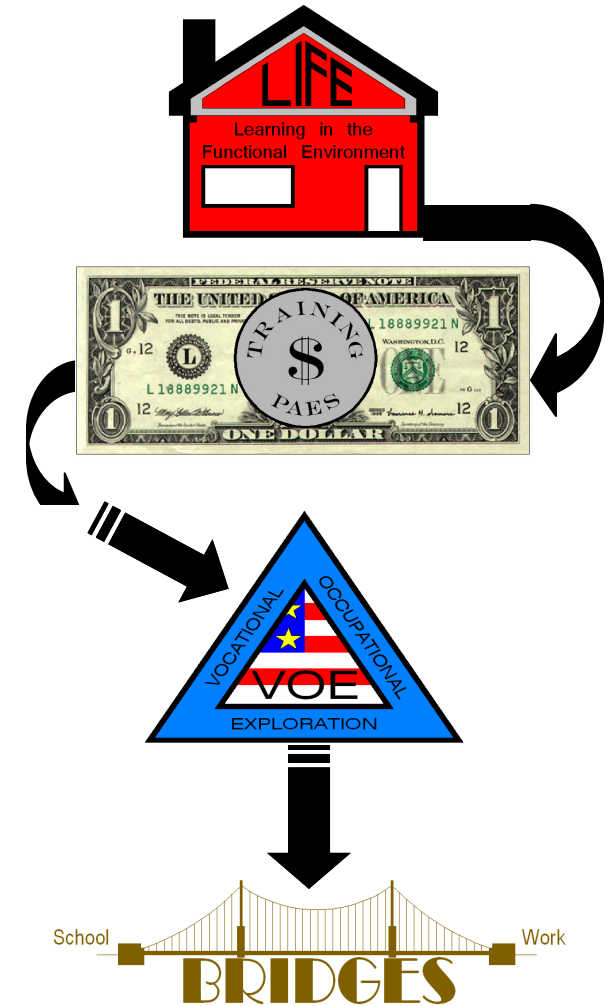
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VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS

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STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



Wise County Public Schools

L.I.F.E.

LEARNING IN THE FUNCTIONAL ENVIRONMENT



Designed for 9th and 10th grade students who are pursuing a modified-standard or special diploma. The L.I.F.E. program provides students an opportunity to improve functional academics and daily living skills in preparation for further vocational training.

This program provides specialized instruction in all of the core academic areas, independent living skills, community awareness and career exploration. Hands-on activities as well as community-based instruction make this program an exciting option for students. L.I.F.E. is a half day program, and student placement is reviewed annually.



P.A.E.S.

PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT EVALUATION SYSTEM

The P.A.E.S. program is designed for high school students grades 10-12 who would benefit from specialized vocational training, and who do not meet the requirements for enrollment in regular vocational school. It is a hands-on program that focuses on the mastery of specific job skills that are connected to a variety of career options.

Students learn to work independently, and proper social skills and work-related behaviors are emphasized to improve student employability. The P.A.E.S. program is a half day program, and student placement in this program is reviewed annually. Students in this program generally earn a modified standard or special diploma.



V.O.E.

VOCATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL EXPLORATION

The V.O.E. program provides instruction and reinforcement in the areas of work behaviors, social skills, safety awareness and academic skills that will prepare students for success in a vocational program at the Wise County Career - Technical Center.

V.O.E. is a half day program and students attend one semester during their 10th grade year.

V.O.E. provides students an opportunity to explore a variety of vocational interests to include:

- Carpentry
- Automotive Detailing
- Career Exploration

