

Jordan and Belle Plaine Proposal for Transition Program:

The Jordan and Belle Plaine School Districts would like to start building capacity for our 18-21 year old students starting the fall of 2015 by building a Transition Program. Students attending the transition program are students who are graduating off of their IEP and need extra support in the area(s) of independent living, employment and post-secondary skills.

*To keep a transition program running, the districts will need at least **two students per district** in the program. The purpose of building a transition program in either Jordan or Belle Plaine is to help students utilize resources and employment opportunities within their community or surrounding communities. Students will learn how to use transportation that is offered in their community, find employment opportunities within their community or surrounding communities, and build a plan for when they graduate and receive their diploma (portfolio, resume, etc.). For some students, this program can be offered until they are 21 years of age or when they have met their goals and objectives on their IEP (which ever comes first).*

It is important to remember that these cost savings could vary based on the programming costs and changes at SouthWest Metro Cooperative. The costs shown are actual estimates provided by SouthWest Metro and they need to be taken with a "grain of salt" as tuition rates are changing within the cooperative. It is also important to remember that the cost of staff could be higher or lower depending on the years of experience, which district is holding the teacher/para contracts, cost of other support services (work experience coordinator), and other purchased resources needed to meet the goals and objectives on the students IEP.

Transportation costs can differ based on the type of programming the student needs. The costs shared in this handout are based on the information gathered from the business office and charged services from the cooperative/transportation company.

District Cost Data/Savings

Proposal for Transition Program			Current Costs
Fall 2015	Belle Plaine Schools	Jordan Schools	SouthWest Metro Cooperative
Transportation	\$465	\$1100	\$2200
Staffing	\$17,127	\$17,127	\$0
Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$198,488
Total Exp.	\$17,592	\$18,227	\$200,688
Savings	\$99,244 (Tuition)	\$99,244 (Tuition)	\$0
Total Savings	\$81,652 (2 students)	\$81,017 (2 students)	-\$200,688 (4 students)
Fall 2016	Belle Plaine Schools	Jordan Schools	SouthWest Metro Cooperative
Transportation	\$465	\$1100	\$2200
Staffing	\$17,127	\$17,127	\$0
Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$396,976
Total Exp.	\$17,592	\$18,227	\$399,176
Savings	\$99,244 (Tuition)	\$297,732 (Tuition)	\$0
Total Savings	\$81,652 (2 students)	\$297,505 (6 students)	-\$399,176 (8 students)
Fall 2016	Belle Plaine Schools	Jordan Schools	SouthWest Metro Cooperative
Transportation	\$465	\$1100	\$2200
Staffing	\$20,866	\$20,866	\$0
Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$545,842
Total Exp.	\$21,331	\$21,966	\$548,042
Savings	\$198,488 (Tuition)	\$347,354 (Tuition)	\$0
Total Savings	\$177,157 (4 students)	\$325,388 (7 students)	-\$548,042 (11 students)
3 Year Savings	\$340,461	\$703,910	