

Eugene Field

October 15, 2025 Board Report



**EUGENE
FIELD**

SPECIAL SERVICES



18-22 Young Adult Transition Program

Who attends Eugene Field?

- Current Enrollment is **49 students** including **3 students from other districts**.
- Students are referred to Eugene Field by their high school IEP team if they require additional instruction in order to meet transition goals in the areas of **Independent Living, Employment, and Post-Secondary Education**.
- Students of **all disability types and ability levels** are welcome.

Family Transition Supports

- We support students and families plan for adult life after school ends and link them to adult service providers in the area.

18-22 Young Adult Transition Program

What skills do we teach?

- **Daily Living Skills:** Meal Preparation, planning, shopping, and nutrition
- **Self-Advocacy Skills:** Goal setting, linkages to transition and adult services
- **Community Participation Skills:** Making purchases, functional communication, budgeting, navigation, utilizing accessibility aids
- **Recreation & Leisure Skills:** Healthy lifestyles, self-awareness, social skills
- **Employability Skills:** Work habits, communication, interpersonal skills

18-22 Young Adult Transition Program

What does a typical day look like?

- Students spend half of their school day at a vocational training site through VTAP and the other half of their day in the classroom.
- Classes take multiple trips into the community to help students learn how to independently access various experiences with support.
- Classes also spend time in our “Apartment” learning important kitchen and cooking skills.
- Reading, writing, and math skills are taught using real world experiences through shopping, filling out forms, budgeting, and cooking.

18-22 Young Adult Transition Program

Who works at Eugene Field?

- 5 Special Education Classroom Teachers
- 2 Special Education Vocational Coordinators
- 26 Paraprofessionals/Job Coaches
- 6 Shuttle Drivers
- 1 EOP
- 1 School Nurse & 1 Special Education Nurse
- 1 Shared Custodian
- Shared Related Service Providers: Speech, OT, PT, Audiology

New Outdoor Classroom Spring 2025!

**Music
Sensory
Station
Spring 2023**





SS1 Class





SS2 Class





**SS3
Class**





Celebrating Value and Talent

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

#NDEAM
80th Anniversary
dol.gov/odep

What is VTAP?

VTAP is an evaluation, training, and employment program that helps to prepare students with disabilities for the transition into employment and optimum community participation as adults.

VTAP provides students the opportunity to learn through work. Students also participate in classes where they learn appropriate work etiquette and ethical practices. Students are then applying these practices in real-life work environments while attending their VTAP placements.

Work Experiences

- Food Service
- Hospitality
- Custodial
- Retail/Grocery
- Automotive
- Childcare
- Printing Services
- Digital Design
- Technology
- Manufacturing



25-26 Community Partners

- Alexander Manufacturing
- Blair House
- Unit 5 Food Service, IT, & Custodial
- Carle Health & Fitness
- Carriage Crossing
- Children's Discovery Museum
- Goodwill
- Heartland Community College
- HyVee
- Jewel
- Kroger
- McDonald's
- McLean County Humane Society
- Meijer
- Midwest Food Bank
- Parkway Auto Laundry
- Schnucks
- Taco Bell

- Rivian
- Bloomington Public Library
- Carlock Auto Repair
- Eastview
- Eurest
- Evergreen Village
- Four Seasons II
- Grossinger Arena
- Hollybrook
- IHSA
- Little Jewels
- Manny's Auto
- Marriott
- McLean County Nursing Home
- Miller Park Zoo
- Pet Supplies Plus
- Uptown Station
- Walgreens

VTAP Sites Housed at Eugene Field

Unit 5 Production Services

- VTAP students process printing/copy requests from Unit 5 staff

Decker Industries

- VTAP student-run business
- Additional production services such as binding, lamination, cutting, business cards, notepads, and posters
- Design Studio-Custom Apparel & Vinyl products, Buttons & Magnets

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Vocational Training Center

Prevocational skills training in a safe and supportive environment until students are ready for the next step.



VTAP Enrollment

Normal Community High School-54 Students & 2 Vocational Coordinators

Normal WEST High School-34 Students & 1 Vocational Coordinator

Eugene Field-48 Students & 2 Vocational Coordinators

136 Total Student VTAP Workers!

VTAP Outcome Data May 2025

**76.7% Students
engaged in work
(paid or unpaid) or
work training
program at Exit**

Employment Status at Exit 2025

Training Program

2.3%

Applying for Paid Jobs

4.7%

Supported Paid Employment

7.0%

Volunteer Schedule

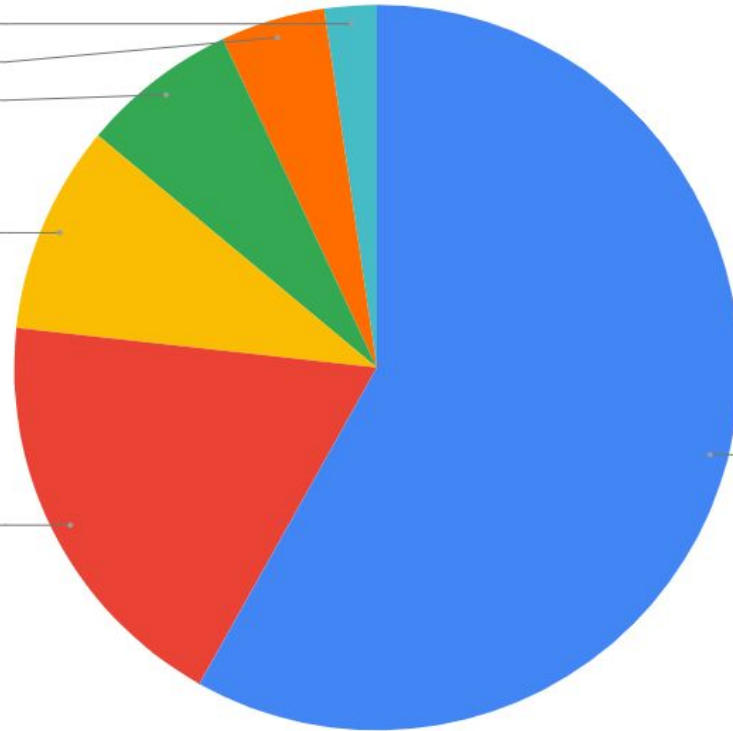
9.3%

No Work Plan Established

18.6%

Independent Paid Employment

58.1%



QUESTIONS???