



Work Study Classroom



Friday KSTAR Community Lunch

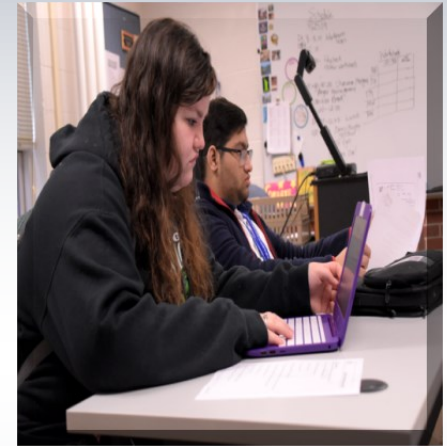


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# KANSAS STUDENT TRANSITION AND ACADEMIC READINESS (KSTAR) PROGRAM



***KSTAR MISSION*** : To prepare each student to reach their full potential in a language rich environment and to lead independent and productive lives

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Independent Living Apartment Kitchen Area

## Who We Are

**Kansas Students' Transition and Academic Readiness (KSTAR)** program at the Kansas School for the Deaf serves young Deaf adults ages 18-21. **KSTAR** offers specialized programming for students who have completed the requirements necessary for obtaining their high school diploma. The program curriculum is transition-focused with community based work instruction. The following areas are supported:

- Independent Living
- Career and Employment
- College/Technical Training

## What We Do

- Increase Independent Living Skills
- Increase Self-Advocacy Skills
- Obtain Employment through Internships
- Explore College Classes
- Increase Career Readiness Skills
- Develop Student Goals
- Foster Self Determination Skills

## Who Can Attend?

- ⇒ **Deaf and Hard of Hearing Kansas Special Education students ages 17-21**
- ⇒ **Students who have completed high school academic requirements (diploma held)**

Students demonstrating a need for additional Independent Living Skills *\*Pending IEP team determination of eligibility*

## Completion of the Program

Length of the program can be between one quarter or until student ages out. Completion will be determined by the student's satisfactory completion of skills or goals, resources and /or employment in the student's home community, additional program attendance, IEP team consideration or aging out. Skills are assessed on a quarterly basis. Students will complete an exit interview and exit paperwork at the completion of the program.

## Community Based Work Internships

Students can participate in community based work experiences with realistic career interests to assess their employability skills and training needs. Support to develop the skills and attitudes necessary for possible paid employment are taught.

## Independent Living Apartment Program *\*Pending IEP team determination of eligibility*

Students have the opportunity to live in an apartment with a roommate in a partially supervised, safe environment on the KSD campus. Students build independent living skills such as shopping, cooking, nutrition, transportation, relationships, health, personal finance and household safety. Self-advocacy is promoted to foster student independence. Our apartment program is limited to eleven students.

## KSTAR Program Options

- ⇒ **KSD Academic Classes:**  
English, Personal Finance, Driver's Education, American Sign Language/Deaf Studies Class, Career Exploration
- ⇒ **Dual Placement at Local High School**  
Olathe School District  
Olathe Advanced Technical Center
- ⇒ **College/Technical Classes :** T.I.P.S.,  
Johnson County Community College
- ⇒ **Worksite Experience:**  
Cintas, Dairy Queen, Evergreen Assisted Living, Wahlburgers, Villa St. Francis, Charlie's Car Wash, Chick-fil-A, Hy-Vee, Wendy's, Systemair USA, Stanley Wood Products, Jakobe Furniture, and on campus internships



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