

The Delta School

Empowering students ages 14 through 21 ...

"I HAVE A DREAM" Program

We at the Delta School are convinced that each student can reach their very best potential in order to make their dreams come true. We provide the resources; we become the advocate, we teach students to advocate for themselves; we are the team; together we have a dream!



Students planted trees in Pennypack Park with the Philadelphia Eagles to celebrate Earth Day.

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Transition to Employment

TEP

The Delta School offers student specific programming customized according to individual students' needs and goals.

- On-campus classroom curriculum that incorporates job readiness skills, career exploration and preparation, and academic based lesson plans that pertain to employment
- Off-campus programming with a focus on teamwork and independent task building through on-the-job training and job shadowing:
 - ✦ **Moss Rehabilitation Hospital** – students volunteer in various departments within the hospital such as maintenance, food services, physical and occupation therapy, patient transport, clerical, housekeeping, and more.
 - ✦ **Associated Production Services (APS)** – students are paid to work in a warehouse setting. This program promotes teamwork as well as independent project completion.
 - ✦ **The Veterans Home** – students volunteer with the elderly in an array of activities that offer the student an opportunity to utilize their strengths in a nursing home environment. They engage in activities with the patients, work in housekeeping, grounds keeping including landscaping, and patient transport. Increasing personal interactions are encouraged in this venue.
 - ✦ **Forman Mills** – students are paid to build their knowledge and skills in the areas of retail and store organization. They unpack, tag and prepare clothing for the public, as well as organize merchandise on the customer floor.

- ✦ **Job Shadowing** – students are placed with Delta School staff in an establishment or company that matches their personal goals and objectives.
- ✦ **Delta School Store** – students are able to practice money management, budgeting, inventory control, customer service, and team building by working at the school store.
- ✦ **Travel Training** – students are prepared for the world of public transportation by learning to utilize Septa buses and trains. Navigating the city and deciphering the schedules are part of this training.
- In-depth vocational testing and results-based planning through utilization of the following criteria:
 - ✓ Strengths and interests
 - ✓ Personal challenges based on disability
 - ✓ Realistic assessment that matches goals with possibilities
 - ✓ Academic levels with improvement plans for growth and development
 - ✓ Independent living plans
 - ✓ Family demographics



Students unpack clothing and sort by size for retail sales.

Dreams Do Come True

Delta helped me decide which job to fight for. Now I can be helpful in my city.

- Dan, age 19

I didn't know what I wanted to be. Now I have a plan to be an auto mechanic. I love to fix cars.

- Terrance, age 17

I found out from working with TEP that I am great with helping children. I can help them just like Delta helped me.

- Nicole, age 15

I never thought my disability would allow me to do what I enjoyed for a job. I can do anything I put my mind to.

- Sharya, age 18



Students at Moss Rehabilitation Hospital in the food services and hospital supply departments.

The TEP Curriculum (*based on the Pennsylvania State Standards*) offers students educational programming in:

- ⊕ Career Awareness and Preparation
- ⊕ Career Acquisition (Getting a job)
- ⊕ Career Retention and Advancement
- ⊕ Community/State Programs and Services
- ⊕ Entrepreneurship



Students are preparing clothing at Forman Mills for the customer floor.



Students are making Burpee seed trays according to project specifications for store shipment at APS.