# Benefits to Participating Students

Through meaningful employment, students are given the opportunity to develop lifelong skills that help to prepare them for a quality adult life.



#### **Students Acquire:**

- Entry level job training
- Individualized job development
- On-the-job work experience
- Competitive integrated employment wages

#### **Students Develop:**

- Communication skills
- Self-advocacy
- Positive self-esteem
- Financial responsibility
- Employment skills & so much more!



## Become a WorkAbility1 Business Partner

Join other local businesses in giving students with a variety of disabilities the opportunity to work. Your involvement is a win-win for students and employers alike, as you help foster community awareness while providing needed services to the economy.

#### **Employer Benefits:**

- Applicants with job readiness training
- Ongoing employer support services
- Inclusive work environment
- Low risk / low cost training



#### Join Us Today!

Contact us to learn more about the program and to become a WorkAbility1 Business Partner:

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### WorkAbility1 Program

Job Training that Supports
Successful Student Transitions
to Adult Employment

### The WorkAbility1 Program

Workability1 is a nationally recognized program funded by the California Department of Education to provide career development, pre-employment skills and job placement services to students with disabilities, 16-22.

WorkAbility1 is a joint effort among high schools, community agencies and local businesses to support students who receive special education services make a successful transition from school to the world of work.

#### For employers, we provide:

- Pre-screened applicants and entry-level employees
- Pre-employment skills training
- Employer-to-employee liaison
- District-provided workman's comp
- Student support and follow-up
- Temporary or permanent employees







### **Partnership Opportunity**

Are you a business owner or manager looking for eager students to join your workforce? The SMMUSD WorkAbility1 program is for you!

The WorkAbility1 program brings together students receiving special education services and employers to provide job training and follow-up services that will support successful student transitions to employment, and develop lifelong skills for a quality adult life.

The purpose of this collaboration is to give students with a variety of disabilities the opportunity to participate in competitive integrated employment, while fostering community awareness and providing needed services to the local economy.

Through you, we can develop our students and create a more engaged community for the future.

Please contact us if you are interested in learning more about the WorkAbility1 program that provides local businesses with students who are looking to gain work experience while supporting our local communities.

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