



NEW BEGINNINGS

Life Preparatory Academy

Referrals to The New Beginnings Vocational Program (NBVP) come from Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) in Maryland and the District of Columbia, the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Social Services sources and other sources.

NBVP provides an array of educational, related services and vocational services to students who have been identified as learning disabled (LD), emotionally disturbed (ED), mild mental retardation (MMR) or having other health impairment (OHI). The admissions process begins upon NBVP receipt of a completed application packet. A completed application should include but not limited to a student's school and medical records, social history report, the student's most recent Individualized Educational Program (IEP), recent educational evaluations (i.e., psychological-educational assessment, speech language, clinical psychological assessment, etc.) any additional documentation which provides insight into the student's present levels of academic and social-emotional functioning. NBVP's Admissions Review Team (ART) convenes a team review meeting at which time all documentation is reviewed and discussed relative NBVP's ability to meet the unique educational and social-emotional needs of the prospective student. At the conclusion of the team review meeting, a decision is rendered about a prospect's likelihood for success if enrolled at NBVP. Those prospects deemed most likely to benefit from enrollment are scheduled for a campus visit/interview which culminates in a final admission decision.

The prospective student's campus visit and interview with ART representative is the final and most influential step in the admissions decision making progress. Prospective students spend an entire day in the program to get an opportunity to interact with peers and staff. The day is capped with the student's ART interview during which time the prospective student has an opportunity to convey his/her investment in attending NBVP and to assess both their strengths and challenges educationally. The ART makes an admissions decision within 24 hours of this meeting and communicates the final decision to all involved parties. Public school students are able to begin enrollment with transportation immediately upon NBVP's receipt of the funding guarantee (i.e., Hearing Officer's Determination (H.O.D) Prior Notice of Placement (PNP) etc. Private pay students are able to enroll upon finalization of financial arrangements. Private pay students are responsible for their own transportation.

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