



## DVR MYTHS & FACTS

(Information for Transition students, families, & schools)

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<b>A Student must be rejected by DVRS in order to receive DDD services.</b>	<b>A Student may receive services from both DDD and DVRS at the same time if determined eligible with DVRS.</b>
<b>If interested in DVRS services, the student registers with DVRS and is then entitled to receive services.</b>	<b>A student may apply to DVRS and then must be determined eligible in order to receive services.</b>
<b>A student is eligible for services if they have a disability.</b>	<b>A student may be determined eligible with DVRS if due to their disability they have difficulty working without specific services and/or accommodations.</b>
<b>Eligibility for DVRS “cost services” is determined by criteria used for welfare or other government poverty guidelines.</b>	<b>Cost services include specific services such as tuition funding and therapies. Funding eligibility is based on family size and income, or if the student receives SSI.</b>
<b>DVRS can make direct referrals for jobs to a “bank of employers,” similar to an employment agency.</b>	<b>DVRS assists graduated students in finding suitable employment based on student’s abilities and vocational goal.</b>
<b>DVRS always provides transportation to school or work.</b>	<b>DVRS does not have its own transportation system. For students made eligible for cost services, DVRS may assist with transportation costs on a time limited basis.</b>
<b>DVRS can communicate and/or share information about student/parent with DDD and other agencies.</b>	<b>DVRS will only communicate or share information with others if student/ parent/guardian have given written consent.</b>
<b>DVRS counselors must attend IEP meetings.</b>	<b>DVRS may attend IEP meetings if invited and deemed appropriate.</b>
<b>Students can only be seen by a DVRS counselor and receive DVRS services at age 18 or above.</b>	<b>Students can be seen by DVRS with permission of parent/guardian if under 18 years of age.</b>
<b>DVRS counselor does not provide any services while the student is still in school.</b>	<b>DVRS reviews records, provides vocational rehabilitation counseling, and recommends services for students ages 14 and over.</b>
<b>Students should not be referred to DVRS until senior year or after graduation.</b>	<b>It is recommended that students be referred to DVRS at least two years prior to graduation.</b>
<b>DVRS only works with classified or special education students.</b>	<b>DVRS serves students with all types of chronic and/or permanent disabilities. Students covered under 504 Plan may qualify for DVRS</b>
<b>Students have to apply for and receive DVRS services in the county where they live.</b>	<b>Students may choose to receive services from DVRS at any of the local 18 DVRS offices across the state.</b>
<b>DVRS provides financial aid for college and training programs.</b>	<b>DVRS may provide full or partial tuition funding based on financial eligibility and other assessments.</b>
<b>A student’s case with DVRS cannot be opened up until DVRS has received school records.</b>	<b>DVRS can open up cases without records but needs documentation to determine eligibility for services.</b>