



OCECD NEWSLETTER



Best Practices in Self-Advocacy Skill Building

Here you'll find quick connections to materials and resources that parents and others can use with youth with disabilities to build their abilities to advocate for themselves. Items marked with ** are designed to be parent-friendly.

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Tyler Ruiz: One Student's Preparation for Life after High School



Tyler Ruiz

Tyler Ruiz actively participated in the development of his Summary of Performance (SOP) during his last year of high school. Tyler's SOP was linked to his IEP and postsecondary goals, and provided important documentation of Tyler's strengths, accomplishments, and need for accommodations and supports.

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What is self advocacy, and why is it important?

Resources for youth themselves

Fact sheets, toolkits, and training materials on self-advocacy

Resources in the Parent Center network

Resources in other languages

It's My Turn: Helping Ohio Students Understand the Transition Process and Become Better Self-Advocates



Sylvania Southview



Whitmer High School

It's My Turn is a self-determination curriculum for students with disabilities in middle school and high school. Developed by OCECD through funding from the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, and currently supported by the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Special Education Programs' PTI funds and OCECD funds, the workshops contain five parts: [Read more}](#)



Whitmer High School



Mohawk High School

It's My Turn is a very unique way for students and staff to participate in the transition process.

IT'S MY TURN IS AN EXPERIENCE.

Each student experiences a deeper level of self-knowledge and how they can relate to the world around them. They discover parts of who they are now and what they are capable of becoming.

[Read more}](#)



Bryan High School



Whitmer High School



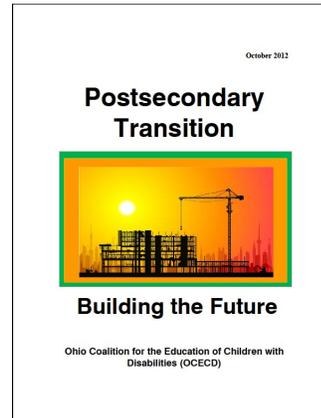
Click on the It's My Turn logo to schedule a workshop for students in your middle or high school.

Here's what students, parents and school staff have to say about It's My Turn:

"I am having fun. I am learning about different jobs. Jobs I haven't thought about. I can go to college and be whatever I want." - Student, Dylan

"This has helped her to express her choices she wasn't able to before. It seems she had more ideas than she thought." -Parent

*"You do an excellent job in getting the students engaged in having an active role in the decision-making aspect of their future. Stressing the importance of exploring their options helps them to have hope and optimism about the opportunities available to them in their community and the world."
-School Administrator*



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