

SCALE classes are designed to meet the needs of students whose individual learning and communication styles are such that they experience difficulty progressing in a traditional academic setting. Students who meet the entrance criteria for the SCALE program will be interviewed and considered for admission.

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

GENERAL

- Minimum age 15
- Appropriate impulse control, defined as the ability to maintain physical control of behavior
- Work motivated
- Willingness to develop positive behavior and attitude
- Potential to work independently with decreasing levels of support

PART-TIME COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT

- Age 16
- Positive work behavior and attitude
- Ability to work in an independent manner with intermittent support
- Demonstration of satisfactory attendance within work related activities
- Capable of conforming to workplace standards

A one month assessment will determine if SCALE might be beneficial to the referred student. If necessary, recommendations will be provided as to other academic/vocational options more appropriate to the student.

The **VISIONS** Program (Vocational, Instructional and Supported Industrial Opportunities with Natural Supports) has been a part of the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative since 1980 providing special education students with innovative applied learning. Academic and vocational components are provided in order to achieve the competencies required for a successful transition experience.

The Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative was organized in July 1974. It is a consortium of the school districts of Andover, Boxford, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Methuen, Middleton, North Andover, Topsfield and the Greater Lawrence Technical High School.

Additional programs offered through the Collaborative include:

- Collaborative Alternative School
- Lifeways School
- EPIC
- Essex Academy

Please call (978) 685-3000 for additional information regarding these programs.

Satellite Classes for Applied Learning Experience

Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative

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PROGRAM COMPONENTS

OVERVIEW

SCALE, a component of VISIONS, is a school-to-work transition program for students assessed as needing further education in their transition to adult life. All material is geared toward preparing the student to become an independent, productive, participating member of society. There is an emphasis on vocational readiness and preparation for the work of work.

CURRICULUM

The SCALE curriculum is based on SCANS (The Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills, U.S. Department of Labor) and a Transitions Curriculum. This combination of curricula ensures exposure to the skills needed for successful transition to adult life. The business community has made clear the need for competency in functional reading, writing and math as well as knowledge of work ethics, behaviors and attitudes required for vocational progress.

The SCALE Curriculum

1. Career Management

- Finding and Getting your Job
- Succeeding as an Employee
- Advocating for your Future

2. Life Management

- Money Management
- Reading and Writing in every Day Life
- Understanding your Community and Government
- Life Skills for Independence

3. Personal Management

- Using Effective Communication Skills
- Maximizing your Options and Opportunities
- Participating in your Community

Taught in an integrated fashion throughout this Curriculum are functional Language Arts, functional Math and practical Science and Social Studies.

Computer Literacy and practical internet use are also integrated into the curriculum.

GENERAL INFORMATION

STAFFING

Special Educational professionals including teaching, transition and vocational specialists staff the SCALE program. These educators have experience in working with the non-traditional student. In addition, a behavior management specialist is utilized on a consultant basis.

LOCATION

476 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844

TIME

Academic : 7:45 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Vocational: Times vary according to individual programming

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Rates vary according to individualized student plan.