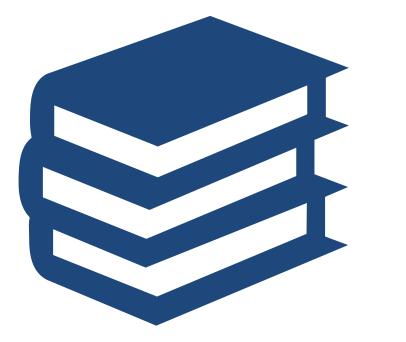
MassBay Community College

Transitional Scholars Program (TSP)

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Program Overview

- Inclusive college experience for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)
- Based at MassBay Community College on the Wellesley Hills campus
- Self-sustaining, collaborative model (not grant funded)
- Focus on academics, social inclusion, and life skills

Program Goals & Values

Promote equity and access

Support selfdetermination and independence

Foster campus and community inclusion Build academic, vocational, and social-emotional skills

TSP Development & Growth

2007-TSP BEGAN	2012 -TSP BECAME SELF SUSTAINING	CREATED FLEXIBILITY	STUDENTS DETERMINE THEIR PATH
Grant funded	College funded Program	Have or have not earned a HS	• One or two courses per semester
 Had not earned a HS diploma 	Coordinator and Ed Coaches' salaries	diplomaStudents who are	• Audit v credit
Audited all courses	 Strengthened connections with 	22+	• Follow curriculum paths for a degree
 Ed Coaches supported students 	 local high schools Increased number of students and partnerships 	 Courses audited or taken for college credit Utilization of 	Can continue after TSP to earn their Associates Degree
		campus resources (career services, counseling, student clubs etc.)	

TSP Support Structure

Collaboration with faculty and Accessibility Resources Center (ARC)

Faculty informed that TSP student and Ed Coach is enrolled in their course (info sheet)

Students register with ARC for accommodations for the semester

Closely coordinate with ARC and the Academic Achievement Center (AAC)

Most students meet with peer tutors and learning specialists in the AAC regularly

Coordinator's role: Program admission Academic advisor Supervises Ed Coaches Weekly meetings with students (semester goals/PCP, student progress, problem solve) School district liaison Promote student engagement

Campus-Wide vs. Program-Specific Support

Campus-wide: Accessibility accommodations, student activities, advising Program-specific: Ed Coach support, course materials provided, weekly meetings with coordinator

Help families understand and navigate both layers of support

Educational Coaches

Hired (\$30/hr), on-going training, and supervised by program staff

Help provide academic and social support on campus

Attend class with student

Meet regularly with student (up to 10 hrs/wk)



Collaborate with local high schools, MAIPSE and DDS

Partnerships with Schools & Agencies



Facilitate contracts and align goals with sending districts



Share progress and updates with all stakeholders

Program Cost Breakdown

One Course Enrollment Cost	
Educational Coach	\$3,700.00
Tuition & Fees	\$900.00
Program Fee	\$800.00
Total Cost	\$5,400.00

Two Course Enrollment Cost	
Educational Coach	\$5,400.00
Tuition & Fees	\$1,700.00
Program Fee	\$800.00
Total Cost	\$7,900.00

Funding Options



DDS (SELF DIRECTION SERVICE) SCHOOL DISTRICTS/IEP LANGUAGE (1 DISTRICT SENDS ED COACH)

PRIVATE PAY (PAYMENT PLANS)

Success Stories & Impact Student transitions to credit courses or employment

Student continues at MassBay and earns Associate's Degree

Increased self-confidence and independence ARC creates NSA (Neurodivergent Student Alliance)

Positive feedback from families and faculty New space for the program and coordinator's office

Former TSP student helps establish one of the few higher-ed unified sports program in Massachusetts

What's Next for TSP?

 Implementing social/emotional ed coach for Fall 2025

- Expanding?
- Degree seeking?
- Free Community College?

Thank you!









Thank you for learning about the Transitional Scholars Program! We welcome collaboration, questions, and feedback Contact: kgraska@massbay.edu pbustamante@ massbay.edu Website: massbay.edu