

BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION (BIE)

Secondary Transition Action Team (STAT) Rational Statement

VISION

The BIE Secondary Transition Action Team provides information to link schools with the resources and tools necessary to produce successful outcomes for young adults with disabilities. We have within our unique system, an array of federal and state mandates. These mandates have one goal in common - to establish a support based center in each school which promotes the success of students with disabilities as they enter the world of post secondary opportunities for employment, higher education, and independent living. The goal for our transition programs is to teach those skills necessary for students to become productive members of their community as they leave high school and enter the world of adult responsibilities and self-sufficiency.

MISSION

The Secondary Transition Action Team is a mechanism for creating a system wide network of support that includes school, family, community, tribal and state partnerships. Through this effort, our youth with disabilities will be successful examples of the collaboration that may occur on a local, state or national level to meet the needs of the students regardless of their location. We must provide the support needed with this collaborative effort necessary for schools to target the most appropriate goals for their students with disabilities.

To do this, the STAT will assist the schools to:

- Solicit the participation and involvement of their students in this process.
- Access transition related resources at all levels.
- Identify the needs unique to their school through self-assessment and data gathering.
- Reach out to the business community and identify needed job skills to match with student interests and abilities.
- Involve parents in regularly scheduled trainings to keep them informed of transition related requirements.