

# ANNUAL DIRECTIONS 2013 EVENT APPROACHING FOR STUDENTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION



In an effort to help encourage and provide guidance for parents transitioning their students out of high school and into vocational or collegiate opportunities after graduation, District 211 will host its annual Directions 2013 event.

The District has teamed up with other local educational institutions to participate in the event, which will take place on Oct. 1 from 6 – 8:30 p.m. at the Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Rd., in Arlington Heights.

The event is sponsored by the Northwest Educational Council for Student Success, in conjunction with District 211, Township High School District 214, Barrington Community Unit School District 220, William Rainey Harper College, and St. Viator High School. All students in special education programs, as well as their families, are welcome to attend.

“We encourage students from all grade levels to attend Directions 2013 so they can start reviewing their post-secondary options,” said Diane Pfister, transition specialist at District 211. “Our goal is to provide parents and students with the information needed to develop a solid post-high school transition plan.”

The session will start with a welcome from Deb Franzen, Accommodation and Transition specialist with the Access and Disabilities department at William Rainey Harper College. From there, there will be four different breakout sessions to attend, with the option of a college and career fair that will be going on the entire night.

Representatives from several different organizations will be there to discuss their programs, answer questions, and hand out materials. The breakout sessions include: Career Training Programs; Four-year Colleges and Universities; Life Skills Training Programs; and Community College Options.

“Our event features a range of post-high school options,” Pfister said. “Representatives will be available from life skills programs, career training programs, and from two and four year colleges and universities.”

For more information on Directions 2012, please visit the [website](#) or contact Diane Pfister at [dpfister@d211.org](mailto:dpfister@d211.org) or (847) 755-1851 or Patrick Abraham, director of Transition Services, at [pabraham@d211.org](mailto:pabraham@d211.org) or (847) 755-1848.