# LIFE Skills Classrooms

Learning Independence and Fostering Excellence

### Life Skills Classroom Objective

Seapco's Life Skills Classrooms are special education classrooms that are designed to provide individualized curriculum to students in a variety of areas. The ultimate outcome of the program is for students to gain life applicable skills and ultimately transition successfully into adulthood within their community.

### Who We Are And What We Do

Instruction is based on a functional curriculum that incorporates academics, daily living and vocational skills. Students receive individualized support in the areas of academics, communication, motor, social, behavioral, daily living skills, and pre-vocational and employment skills. Our LifeSkills Classes focus on the development of basic living skills, personal competence, and assistance. The program focuses on Limestone Community High School teaching students how to independently complete daily living tasks based on their individualized needs and abilities. Students are taught through instruction, demonstration, reinforcement, hands-on practice, and Coordinators/Contacts: 309-697-0880 adult and peer feedback.

#### Who We Serve

Our Life Skills Classes provide instruction in a self-contained special education setting within the public school setting. All students in this program have an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) which includes goals that are aligned to the students' identified areas of need focused on everyday life skills. Our programs can serve students from kindergarten through the school year a student turns 22 years of age. Students in these programs have been determined by the educational team to require an intense functional curriculum incorporating academics and acquisition of daily living and vocational skills aligned to the students' identified needs.

## **The LIFE Experience**

Students participating in Seapco's Life Skills Classes will be provided ongoing age and skill appropriate functional instruction in practical academics, communication, community, domestic, leisure/recreation, and vocational skills. The classroom focus continuously revolves around communication skills, maximum independence, and endless opportunities to generalize skills in real life settings. Students have opportunities to participate in activities within the general educational setting with typically developing peers, as well as exposure to activities within the community. Related services are provided according to the students' identified needs.

#### **Programs and Locations:**

Life Skills Classrooms Grades K - 8 Bartonville Grade School Farmington Elementary and Junior High **Classrooms Grades 9 - 12** Farmington High School Peoria Heights High School

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