

Travel Instruction Program

The Pittsburgh Public Schools is dedicated to encouraging each student to achieve the highest degree of independence possible. One way to achieve this goal is to teach travel training skills to students within the community.

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PROGRAM FEATURES

- Community Based Instruction according to the individual needs of the student
- Skill Development in:
 - ◊ **Street Crossing**
 - ◊ **Street Signs**
 - ◊ **Use of Pay Phone/ Cell Phone in an Emergency**
 - ◊ **Traffic Lights**
 - ◊ **Riding the PAT bus**
- Anti-victimization
- Stranger Awareness
- Individualized evaluation of present levels
- Individualized (one-on-one) instruction to meet the individual needs of each student

STUDENT BENEFITS

- Enhanced self-esteem
- Increased level of independence
- Better understanding of self
- Confidence in the community and the environment

WHO

- Students supported by the Program for Exceptionalities and who are of transition age (14-21) are eligible for Travel Instruction
- Travel Instruction evaluation and implementation is completed at the request of a parent, teacher, counselor, or other school personnel



HOW

- Instruction is community-based
- One instructor with one student
- Individualized evaluation of student's skills in the community
- Individualized instruction plan is designed
- Instructor utilizes gradual withdrawal as student demonstrates targeted skills
- Clearance as an independent traveler after intensive modeling, instruction, and shadowing
- Progress monitored through observation and record keeping
- Safety skills embedded in instruction and assessments
- Free monthly bus pass issued to successful candidates

