



Monarch Center for Autism

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Help Wanted? Seeking Vocational Training Opportunities For High School Students with Autism

WHO ARE WE?

Monarch School

Opened in 2000, Monarch School is a chartered, non-public day school, licensed by The State Board of Education of Ohio, for individuals ages three through 21 with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Monarch employs a visual language immersion teaching model, which combines visual supports, technology, and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).

The abilities and learning styles of Monarch's more than 115 students vary widely across the spectrum. Each receives therapeutic intervention from a team of specialists including intervention specialists, speech/language pathologists, occupational therapists, associate teachers, behavior specialists, music, art and recreational therapists.

Monarch High School

Monarch High School is a Monarch School program that prepares Monarch School students ages 14 through 21 for success after graduation in the areas of **academics**, **employability** and **community inclusion**. Monarch High School incorporates academics, social skills, fine arts, physical education (gym), and vocational internships.

Numerous community-based employers (e.g., universities, veterinarians, grocery stores, factories, and non-profit organizations) currently partner with Monarch School to provide students with internships. These experiences enhance students' abilities to successfully transition into adulthood following graduation.

WHAT ARE WE SEEKING?

- An employer who can provide internships for Monarch High School students (ages 14 through 21 with autism), whose educational goal is to secure competitive employment or college admission.
- Vocational training opportunities might include (but are not limited to): food preparation, janitorial, assembly, packaging, stocking shelves, taking inventory, clerical work, landscaping, and construction.
- Monarch High School students are volunteers and do not receive payment for their work.





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WHAT ARE OUR STUDENTS' GOALS?

- Learning new skills and transferring existing skills to unfamiliar environments.
- Communicating/collaborating with and taking direction from new, unfamiliar individuals.
- Accomplishing tasks on time.
- Developing and maintaining a sense of professionalism.
- Preparing for the future.

WHAT DOES MONARCH HIGH SCHOOL PROVIDE?

- Prior to beginning a vocational training experience (i.e., internship), Monarch School staff will meet with the employer to tour the worksite and discuss the type of work Monarch High School students can complete.
- Monarch staff will then match students to each internship based on students' interests and aptitudes.
- One Monarch staff member will serve as a liaison to the employer for direct communication.
- Monarch provides direct job coaching for students to promote independence on the job.
- Internships consist of 1 to 2 Monarch teachers and/or therapists to train 1 to 2 Monarch students.
- Monarch staff will supervise Monarch students at all times.
- Monarch staff provides transportation for Monarch students to and from each internship.

WHAT IS OUR SCHEDULING AVAILABILITY?

- Internships can be scheduled anytime between 9am and 1pm, Monday through Friday.
- Internships are available anywhere from 1 day per week to 5 days per week, depending on the employer's needs.

HOW DO YOU CONTACT US?

- For more information and/or to schedule an internship, please call 216-320-8945 or email info@monarchcenterforautism.org
- For more information about Monarch School, please visit monarchcenterforautism.org

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