



# El Monte Union High School District

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## Support Students with Disabilities Join the Education-Business Partnership

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Dear Prospective Employer:

The California Department of Education has committed its resources to meeting the vocational or job training needs of students with disabilities. In 1981, Work-Ability was initiated and has assisted countless number of students with disabilities to find gainful employment. Their success is your success as an employer for these students!

The vision of this training program is to enable all individuals with disabilities to successfully participate in a program, which will prepare them for the workplace and independent living. The Work-Ability program is funded and administered by the California Department of Education, Special Education Division. Currently, all 58 California counties are served by a Work-Ability program.

Work-Ability was designated as one of the ten best transition programs of its type in the United States and received national recognition of its success in matching young adults with disabilities with employers who need workers!

This is where your support and assistance comes in. Our job developers are constantly searching for prospective employers to give our students a chance to learn job skills. We ask only that you allow our students to come to your facility and "learn on the job". There is no cost to you as an employer as our students will be "learning to earn" and be compensated by either earning a course credit or a small wage paid by our district. There is absolutely no fiscal burden to you!

Our sincerest hope is that you will open your doors to our students and provide our students a chance to move from school to work in a supportive environment that benefits both business and students. We hope that you will join us in this education-business partnership and support our students with disabilities to become productive and contributing members of our society.

Sincerely,

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