



The LIFE Lab mimics a real life apartment setting for students who have Intellectual Disabilities or who are on the Autism Spectrum. There is a fully functional kitchen, living and dining area, bedroom, bathroom and laundry room. There is also educational space for instruction and storage areas for supplies and needed materials. The LIFE Lab was built with both learning and safety in mind for our students. The lab is designed to provide real-life, hands-on experiences within a controlled learning environment.



Transportation for all students is provided between each high school and the LIFE Lab. There is an active partnership between the LIFE Lab and the student's classroom experience.

The LIFE Labs are located at the Zenith School, 2218 East Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee, Florida 34744, Osceola High School, 420 S. Thacker Ave. Kissimmee, FL 34741, and Saint Cloud High School, 2000 Bull Dog Lane, Saint Cloud, FL 34769.

For more information regarding the LIFE Labs, contact the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department, 407-343-8700.



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Living Independently for Everyone (LIFE) Lab

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The Living Independently for Everyone (LIFE) Lab is a concept to foster and to develop independent life skills for students with special needs.

The mission of the LIFE Lab is to develop both independent and functional living skills that students will be able to utilize beyond their high school experience. These skills will enable the student to better integrate into the inclusive adult environment.

The students will be taught many of the tasks and skills through hands-on experiences in the lab. These experiences will allow the student to function as independently as possible upon leaving the Osceola County School District.



The curriculum covered in the LIFE Lab addresses Access Points and Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for special needs students. Each student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) reflects these standards that meet the Alternate Assessment requirements for Special Diploma. Pre- and post- assessments will be completed to determine the learning gains of each individual student.

Students will develop skills in ten Learning Activity Areas:

- 1. Self Advocacy**
- 2. Communication**
- 3. Household**
- 4. Kitchen**
- 5. Career**
- 6. Finance**
- 7. Personal Care**
- 8. Laundry**
- 9. Recreation and Leisure**
- 10. Mobility**



This is what some students had to say about their experience at LIFE Lab...

—Everything I did at the LIFE Lab was very fun and exciting. The activities that I participated in helped me feel independent and safe. It showed that I can do things by myself, even though I have a disability.||

—The skills that I learned at the LIFE Lab taught me some things that I should do on my own. The experience at the LIFE Lab made me know what it is like to live on my own and be more independent in the future. It changed the way I thought about living at home.||

—The skills that I learned at the LIFE Lab are important because when I become an adult, I will know what to do to live independently.||

