

**Juvenile Justice Reentry Education Program:  
Opening Doors to College and Careers through Career and Technical Education**

**Project Abstract**

**Shelby County Board of Education  
Memphis, Tennessee**

Shelby County Schools (SCS) will implement Project STAND (Student Transition, Acceleration, and NCRS (National Career Readiness Certificate) Demonstration) to serve students enrolled in Hope Academy, the SCS operating within the Memphis Juvenile Court’s detention center. In addition, SCS will provide more intensive services to an annual cohort of 40 youth aged 16–17 that would participate in a behavior-support program beginning in Hope Academy and continuing at the Martin Luther King Transition Academy, the SCS reentry school. SCS intends to serve an estimated 600 students over a three-year period.

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs to be offered at Hope Academy include Tennessee’s Career Exploration CTE course, an introduction to all CTE programs of study, and a half-credit Personal Finance CTE course in Business and Technology. At the Martin Luther King Transition Academy, cohort participants that continue the behavior-support program will be offered the opportunity to enroll in a number of CTE programs at SCS Career and Technology Centers. Transportation will be provided.

Support services include Key-Train aligned tutoring designed to prepare students to earn the National Career Readiness Certificate, development of individualized online career plans, job shadowing and internship opportunities, and individualized transition services to be offered by two transition coordinators.

Project partners include:

- Shelby County Schools;
- The Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County;
- The Workforce Investment Network;
- Southwest Tennessee Community College;
- Tennessee College of Applied Technology—Memphis;
- Tennessee Department of Children’s Services —Wilder Youth Development Center;
- PeopleFirst (a public-private collaboration); and
- The Memphis and Shelby County Crime Commission.