

2. Proposal

Project Overview – It is our goal to prepare special education students, specifically the MID and/or MOID population, for success in their adult life. As their teachers at **ABC High School**, we are seeking support from our local school administration, School Board, and Central Office administrators for implementation of the **ABC Coffee Café**.

ABC Coffee Café will follow the **Serving Up Success, Inc.** program that was first implemented by Special Education teachers, Stephanie Barber and Kelly Bramblett. In addition, ABC Coffee Café will seek to form community relationships and seek donations from local businesses, ABC High School organizations, private individuals, and non-profit organizations.

We are excited about the relationships that will be developed through this endeavor. ABC Coffee Café will be a coffee shop operated by special education students. A relevant curriculum of functional math skills, social skills, and basic life skills will provide the students with the career preparation they will need in order to live as independently as possible after graduation.

Our objectives are to establish a work place environment where the students will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of a coffee shop. Students will develop basic job skills that are used in any workplace. For our special education students this is the most relevant curriculum. In order to do this we would like to transform the *(whatever area chosen)* into the ABC Coffee Café. We desire for our students to interact and service the faculty and students; the coffee shop would make our students a visible and important part of ABC High School. Our vision includes:

- A coffee shop serving faculty and students
- Email orders and delivery service
- Brewing equipment
- An original business logo (graphics arts students)
- T-shirts, aprons and name tags for each student
- To go coffee mugs with our logo enabling teachers to get refills at a discount
- Murals for the walls of the coffee shop
- Furniture including sofa, lamps, and area rugs
- Bistro tables with chairs
- Serving counter top
- Medium refrigerator with glass door

The collaborative efforts of the student population at ABC High School will be used in making this project a reality. The project provides an opportunity for regular education students to develop and practice entrepreneurial and managerial skills.

For example, the **Serving Up Success** model used...

- Graphic Art students to create the logo to give the coffee shop an identity.
- Interior design students were used to create design boards for the layout of the room.
- A web design student to create the web site for the coffee shop and an email order form so that teachers can email their coffee order to the coffee shop for delivery.
- Business education students to manage inventory, finances, scheduling and help train "employees."

ABC Coffee Café will generate enough funds to be self-sufficient once the fundamental components are implemented. Income from the Café can be used for scholarship funds, instructional materials, student incentives, and field trip funding. Furthermore, other ABC High School clubs/classes could rent the coffee shop for fundraising events.

To learn more about **Serving Up Success, Inc.** model program, please visit their website at www.mountaintopcafe.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

