



S'Cool Store FAQ

What a Teacher Needs to Know

S'Cool Store is a partnership between state and local agencies to provide an introduction to Entrepreneurship and Small Business Concepts to students with disabilities. Participating agencies include the Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), the Department of Education and Early Development, and local education agencies and teachers.

What does a S'Cool Store facilitator do? Each of S'Cool Store's five modules introduce students to small business concepts as they work through setting a goal, developing a business plan, and putting the plan into action. Your job as the facilitator of S'Cool Store is to guide students through the steps of creating a small, "Pop Up" business, mentoring them towards a reasonable business project, and assisting them in implementing their plan by opening the Pop Up business.

Can a teacher really get paid to facilitate S'Cool Store in their school? Yes! There are two ways DVR can fund S'Cool Store. 1. DVR can pay a teacher directly to facilitate a S'Cool Store as an after school activity for students with disabilities. 2. DVR can pay schools directly for implementing S'Cool Store as a method for expanding and enhancing in-school transition activities. A typical stipend is \$1,500.00 for a minimum of 5 students. We encourage enrolling more than the minimum. DVR can also make exceptions for schools with small populations.

What kind of commitment is involved for S'Cool Store? S'Cool Store contains five Modules that can be delivered in five, one-hour sessions, plus a commitment to actually open and operate the Pop Up for at least 2-3 hours. Teachers may choose to invest more time in the S'Cool Store Pop Up, and even make it an on-going business. But, in order to be paid, the store must operate for at least 2-3 hours to allow students to experience actually running a business. S'Cool Store is flexible and the facilitator can structure their club to accommodate participants' abilities and schedules. The important thing is that the concepts are taught, not how you structure the teaching time.

How would a teacher fund a S'Cool Store? Teachers are provided with a \$50 VISA card as startup funding. The S'Cool Store Teacher's Manual contains 20 examples of small pop up ideas that can be done for a minimum investment. For bigger or more creative projects, teachers and students will have to consider approaching investors or seeking donations of equipment and supplies. When S'Cool Store is done as an in-school activity, where the school receives the stipend, the expectation is that funding will be available for covering S'Cool Store activities.

When you say "student with a disability," what do you mean? A "student with a disability" is a student, age 14 to 21, who has an IEP or a 504 plan, or is potentially eligible for DVR because they have a mental or physical impairment that could be a barrier to employment. Even if the student has not been identified by the district for special ed. service, they are potentially eligible for DVR if they have difficulties learning, with attention, or they are challenged in an emotional or behavioral way. This could also include students who have been through substance abuse treatment, involved in foster care or juvenile justice.

Is S'Cool Store only for students with disabilities? No! All students can benefit from entrepreneur/small business concept training. However, DVR can only provide funding for students with a disability. A S'Cool Store must have a minimum of 5 students with a disability to qualifying for funding. After meeting the minimum of 5, any student may participate.

Is there a lot of paperwork? There is always paperwork. Teachers have to submit an application and W9 to become vendors for payment from DVR. There is also a one-page application and release of information for each student with a disability. At the conclusion of S'Cool Store, an invoice, teacher survey, picture, and student exit surveys will need to be submitted to receive payment.

How do I find out more about S'Cool Store? Everything you need to know about S'Cool Store can be found on DVR's "Tools for Teachers" web page at <http://labor.alaska.gov/dvr/transition.htm>. Once there, you can also join the JOBZ Club Network and receive periodic updates on S'Cool Store, JOBZ Club and other transition activities.