Determined to Succeed

Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center (MVESC) will build self-determination and self-advocacy skills in students with multi-disabilities from three middle, five high school and three post-grad classrooms. In the “Determined to Succeed” project, students, parents, teachers, and paraprofessionals will engage in the “I’m Determined” curriculum from the Virginia Department of Education to build self-awareness, understand disabilities, and transition to student-led Individual Education Planning (I.E.P.) conferences. Students will become more involved and self-aware by completing self-assessments and interest inventories, exploring career options, experiencing career interests, holding classroom discussions and participating in a simulated indoor city designed to practice important life skills through role-play. Parents will attend “Parent Nights” to learn strategies in assisting children in developing self-determination skills. Teachers and paraprofessionals will learn, design, practice and reflect on lessons that incorporate self-determination practices. MVESC educators are committed and determined to supporting students in taking responsibility for their education, goals and future.