Transition Planning Resource List for Educators

(Tools, Guides, and Evidence-Based Resources for Secondary Transition)

List is NOT exhaustive

1. National Transition Centers and Evidence-Based Practices

These are some of the **most authoritative resources for transition research and practice**.

- **National Technical Assistance Center on Transition: The Collaborative (NTACT:C)**
  https://transitionta.org
  Evidence-based practices, predictors of post-school success, transition planning tools, and educator training materials.
- **Taxonomy for Transition Programming (NTACT:C)**
  https://transitionta.org/taxonomy
  Research-based framework outlining essential transition practices (student-focused planning, family engagement, interagency collaboration).
- **Predictors of Post-School Success (NTACT:C)**
  https://transitionta.org/topics/predictors
  Research identifying practices linked to improved employment and education outcomes for students with disabilities.

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2. Federal Guidance and National Transition Guides

These resources explain **legal requirements and best practices**.

- **U.S. Department of Education – A Transition Guide to Postsecondary Education and Employment for Students and Youth with Disabilities**
  https://sites.ed.gov/idea/files/postsecondary-transition-guide-2020.pdf
  Comprehensive federal guide explaining transition requirements under IDEA and WIOA.
- **IDEA Secondary Transition Requirements Overview**
  https://sites.ed.gov/idea
  Federal policy guidance and resources for implementing transition services.

3. Transition Planning and IEP Development Resources

Tools for writing high-quality transition IEPs.

- **OCALI Transition Planning and the IEP Resource Hub**
  https://ocali.org/transition-planning-and-the-iep
  Resources on transition assessments, postsecondary goals, courses of study, and transition services.
- **Center for Change in Transition Services (CCTS)**
  https://www.seattleu.edu/ccts/resources/
  Includes transition flowcharts, planning tools, and the **T-folio transition portfolio system** for students.
- **Indiana Secondary Transition Resource Center – Transition Toolbox**
  https://instrc.iu.edu/transition-resources/seamless-transition/toolbox.html
  Includes sample student-led IEP scripts, team collaboration tools, and transition planning timelines.

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4. Transition Assessments and Student Planning Tools

These help teams identify **student strengths, interests, and preferences**.

- **O*NET Interest Profiler**
  https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip
  Career interest assessment commonly used in transition planning.
- **Charting the LifeCourse Tools**
  https://www.lifecoursetools.com
  Person-centered planning tools to support future planning and life outcomes.
- **Transition Assessment Toolkit (NTACT:C)**
  https://transitionta.org/transition-assessment
  Guidance on selecting and using age-appropriate transition assessments.

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5. Employment and Workforce Transition Resources

Supports employment outcomes and career exploration.

- **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)**
  https://rsa.ed.gov/about/states/pre-employment-transition-services
  Provides students with disabilities access to career exploration, workplace readiness, and work-based learning.
- **Job Accommodation Network (JAN)**
  https://askjan.org
  Guidance on workplace accommodations for individuals with disabilities.
- **My Next Move Career Exploration Tool**
  https://www.mynextmove.org
  Career exploration platform aligned with O*NET.

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6. Postsecondary Education Resources

Supports students transitioning to college or training programs.

- **Think College (Inclusive Postsecondary Education)**
  https://thinkcollege.net
  Resources on inclusive college programs for students with intellectual disabilities.
- **College and Career Readiness Resources – PACER Center**
  https://www.pacer.org/transition
  Resources for preparing students with disabilities for higher education.

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7. Independent Living and Self-Determination Resources

Tools that support independence and adult living skills.

- **Charting the LifeCourse Framework**
  https://lifecoursetools.com
  Widely used person-centered planning framework for lifelong supports.
- **AIR Self-Determination Assessment**
  https://zarrowcenter.ou.edu/air-self-determination
  Tool to measure student self-determination and inform IEP goals.

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8. Family and Student Transition Guides

Resources designed for **families and students navigating transition**.

- **SPEDTex Transition Planning Resources (Texas)**
  https://spedtex.tea.texas.gov/index.php/families/transition-planning-resources-families
  Includes guides, videos, and state resources for families navigating transition planning.
- **PEATC Transition Resource Guide**
  https://peatc.org/resources-transition-guide/
  Resources on employment, decision-making, college preparation, and independent living.

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9. Additional Resource Hubs

Large curated collections of tools and transition materials.

- **California Department of Education – Secondary Transition Planning**
  https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/st/
  Resources for educators addressing employment, education/training, and independent living outcomes.
- **Oregon Department of Education Secondary Transition Resources**
  https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/SpecialEducation/SecondaryTransition/Pages/secondarytransitionataglanceresources.aspx
  Provides tools for writing transition IEPs and implementing IDEA transition requirements.