

# Testimonials

"I started MOVE during my sophomore year at SHS and participated for 3 years. It gave me more motivation to come to school everyday and get out in the real world. I learned a variety of different skills from cutting fruits to setting tables to cleaning silverware. MOVE helped me gain confidence in my ability to complete tasks and helped me to learn to work more successfully with others."

Ross V., 2021 SHS Graduate

"My son got excellent hands-on work experience in the MOVE program, in addition to learning essential soft skills like taking feedback and adapting to the work environment. As a first time work experience, MOVE taught him skills needed on a job under the guidance of experienced SHS staff."

Parent of a student who participated in the MOVE 2019-2021

"We are proud of our partnership with the AC Hotel in providing our students vocational experiences where they can demonstrate and strengthen their communication, collaboration, and critical thinking skills. School to Business partnerships like this one enhance students' learning beyond the classroom and help prepare them for life beyond high school."

Todd Bazydlo, Principal of SHS

"This program is a win-win for my associates and the students. This program allows students and associates to build a working team. This program has helped build morale and pride in the workplace. The staff takes great pride in teaching and training the MOVE students."

Mary Simone, General Manager of  
AC Marriott Hotel

## Is MOVE right for me?

Students in MOVE have been recommended for placement as a result of a team meeting and discussion about the program. Students may be recommended because participation fits into their plan for high school experiences, because they cannot otherwise get job experience, or because they would benefit from job exposure with support.

The program is community-based in order to provide all students with an authentic, natural experience in a "real world" work environment.



## How can I find out more about MOVE?

- Reach out to your special education liaison about discussing the class at your IEP meeting
- Arrange a visit to MOVE
- Ask about MOVE with any students who are currently in the class

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# Shrewsbury High School MOVE Program



## Mobile On-Site Vocational Education



In partnership with the AC Hotel by  
Marriott Worcester





## MOVE Student Goals

- To plan and participate in daily work activities at community businesses alongside natural supports and school staff
- To get real world work experience by practicing communication, problem solving, and other functional job skills
- To build work experience, resume and work references
- To create opportunities for part-time paid work if desired

## What is MOVE?

MOVE is a for-credit, formal elective class at SHS that gives students with special education services the opportunity to become involved in a functional, individualized vocational training program in the community. We have had 3 successful business partnerships, including hotels in Marlborough and Worcester, since the class started at SHS in 2008.

## MOVE Schedule

The MOVE class runs every school day from 11:30AM to 2:00PM. Transportation is provided by SHS, and all student work is supervised by trained vocational staff.



## MOVE Accomplishments

- 100+ students participated in MOVE class in the last 14 years
- 8 students hired for part-time paid work
- 3 students attended culinary school based on work experiences
- over a dozen students received references from hotel staff
- many students better prepared for paid work experiences in adult programs

## Student Jobs



Students learn how to do a multitude of jobs, including:

- Hotel kitchen: prepping a variety of food for events and the hotel food market
- Hotel lobby: cleaning, dusting, sweeping and vacuuming, maintaining hotel restaurant
- Outside hotel: maintaining and watering plants
- Laundry areas: folding and prepping bedsheets and pillow covers

