Life Skills Program Description

What does the program look like?	Who does the program serve?
The SCKSEC Life Skills Programs are located at Haskins Learning Center in Pratt, KS and also at the Kiowa Life Skills Home in Kiowa, KS. The Life Skills Program is a specialized placement for students with significant intellectual disabilities who need opportunities to develop functional academic skills; along with, skills that they will need in everyday life such as: self-care, vocational, functional reading and math, money management, self-advocacy, independence, and others. The program consists of individualized instruction as well as application of life skills into everyday learning experiences. Participants are taught skills pertaining to: ● Organization ● Safety ● Meal Planning and Preparation ● Personal Hygiene ● Household Upkeep ● Laundry ● Basic Cleaning Skills ● Financial and Money Management ● Essential Social Skills ● Self Advocacy ● Job Seeking and Job Maintenance ● Career Planning ● Community Based Training ● Knowledge of Community Resources ● Educational Planning ● Self-Help ● Vocational Skills ● Functional Academics	The Life Skills Program typically serves individuals who are 18-21 years of age who would benefit from continuing special education instruction in basic living skills up to age 21. Individuals must be identified with a disability and have a current IEP. Placement into the Life Skills Program is an IEP team decision and is based on specific student needs and discussion regarding the placement that can meet those needs most appropriately. Placement in the Life Skills Program is a decision that is considered yearly by the IEP team. The decision is made after a thorough review of the IEP components which may include present levels of performance, goals/objectives, accommodations, modifications, supplementary aids and services, state and district assessments, behavior intervention plans, teacher and parental input, and results from any previous evaluations. Typically, individuals that are referred for the Life Skills Program have attended a functional classroom environment and/or have been working on functional skills within the special education school environment. Typically, individuals who attend the Life Skills Program will receive a certificate of completion from highschool rather than a diploma when the individual graduates. While these are “typical” examples or suggestions for individual considerations for participants seeking attendance in the Life Skills Program, the information is not exhaustive nor does it include every possible variation of individual need that may qualify for the Life Skills Program. If you feel that an individual may benefit from the Life Skills Program, follow the Life Skills Referral Flow Chart to gain more information and communicate the individual’s needs with the Student Services Coordinator and IEP team.

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