



STUDENT WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Workforce Training for People Living with Disabilities

Since 1996, Goodwill of Southern Nevada has offered special education teachers, their aides, and entire class the opportunity to gain real work experience by volunteering through the renowned **Student Work Experience Program (SWEP)**.



Participating SWEP students volunteer at least once a week at a welcoming Goodwill store. There they are exposed to tasks typically performed in a retail sales or operations work environment:

- Pulling empty hangers
- Greeting customers
- Basic merchandising
- Colorizing like items
- Processing and sorting
- Hanging clothing
- Bagging merchandise

Tasks listed are examples; actual assignments are determined by creativity, skill set, and store needs.

In the 2023-2024 school year, 385 students from 59 classes at 30 Clark County School District high schools participated in the program.



SKILLS TRAINING

Goodwill work experience has helped students develop a wide range of skills and aptitudes:

- Positive work ethic
- Social skills
- Sense of accomplishment
- Organizational skills
- Keeping focused in a fast-paced environment
- Customer service
- Setting and fulfilling work goals
- Ability to work independently

The Student Work Experience Program (SWEP) helps to prepare students as they transition out of high school into the rest of their lives.

Teachers interested in having their classes participate in SWEP are invited to contact Mary Brabant at 702-214-2010 or MaryB@sngoodwill.org.

Learn more about Goodwill Disability Programs at GoodwillVegas.org

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