



# Bend Senior High School Life Skills Program

The Life Skills Program at Bend High School is designed so that students with developmental disabilities can pursue their dreams. Through a variety of innovative programs and activities, and the support of a compassionate staff and caring community, the BHS Life Skills program:

- inspires students to become adults who are able to choose from many options for their lives
- teaches students independence, daily living skills and job skills to become competitively employed
- helps students gain confidence and to feel good about themselves



The BHS Life Skills Program currently has 28 students and 10 staff. Programs and activities include:

**Mentor Club** - brings together students without disabilities to socially engage with students with disabilities. This allows Life Skills students to mature, have a wider variety of life experiences and increase self-esteem. Everybody benefits!

**Field Trips** - the Life Skills Program embarks upon not only annual trips to Portland and the Oregon coast, but also out-of-state trips (e.g. Chicago and Venice Beach). These experiences provide the opportunity to find success in a large city setting that will then transform into even greater success and independence when returning and living their lives here in Bend.

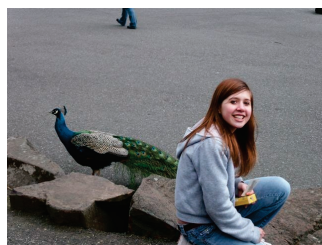


**Job / Employment Skills** - the Life Skills Program works to provide job training in a variety of settings, including food service, retail, medical, and customer service. People with a developmental disability remain in their job with a 300% higher retention rate compared to those without a disability.

**Social Skills** - through a variety of activities, Life Skills Program student learn how to interact with both students and adults and develop relational skills that build for success for the remainder of their lives. These include team building exercises and participating in school clubs.



For more information about the BHS Life Skills Program, please call 383-6336



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## Bend teacher among best

Bend High's Robert Tadjiki makes USA TODAY's list of top 21 in U.S.

**By Monique Balas**  
*The Bulletin*

In Robert Tadjiki's functional academics class at Bend High School, students might just as easily learn to cook as build a greenhouse.

By using techniques that might be considered unconventional, the special education teacher has gained respect among his assistants, his students and the national USA Teacher Team.

USA Teacher Team after an extensive application and a letter of recommendation from Oregon Schools Superintendent Susan Castillo. He will receive \$500, a \$2,500 grant to use at Bend High School and national press coverage. The results were to be reported in the national paper today.

"He has a real desire and heart to help these kids and bring out their potential," said Jennifer



Bend High School Life Skills Instructor, Robert Tadjiki was recently named by USA Today as one of the top 21 teachers in the country.