

# SPARK Grant – Executive Summary

The **Transition 360 SPARK Grant (FY26)** is a KDE initiative providing up to **\$75,000** to strengthen secondary transition systems for students with disabilities in grades 6–12. Awards will be announced in **December**, with funds available for use beginning **February 2026**.

## What Paintsville Is Proposing

Paintsville’s application focuses on building a sustainable, districtwide transition system that strengthens preparation for college, career, and independent living. Key components of the proposed plan include:

- **Establishing a Transition Team** (administrators, teachers, CWTP specialist, OVR counselor, regional coop, EKCEP, BSCTC, parents, and students) to guide implementation and monitor progress.
- **Implementing Xello** as a comprehensive transition assessment and planning tool for students with IEPs and 504 plans.
- **Expanding collaboration with OVR**, including developing a formal interagency agreement and increasing student access to Pre-ETS activities.
- **Providing parent workshops and family engagement activities** to improve understanding of postsecondary rights, options, and supports.
- **Offering professional learning** for staff through consultant-led trainings and targeted state and national transition conferences.
- **Purchasing transition curriculum and student materials** to support goal-setting and employability skill development.

## Expected Impact

- Earlier, more consistent transition planning beginning in middle school
- Stronger family engagement and awareness of postsecondary supports
- Increased collaboration with OVR and community partners
- Improved transition outcomes and long-term system sustainability