

Who Benefits from Coop?

Students who:

- learn best by doing;
- want to continue their educational training after high school;
- want to 'jump start' their careers.

Applying to Coop

All students should consider participating in Cooperative Education.

- Select Cooperative Education on your Option Sheet/ Course Selection Contract.
- Students must complete a Coop Application Form.
- Students are interviewed by the Cooperative Education Teacher to determine eligibility and interests.
- If you have any questions, please talk to your Guidance Counsellor or Cooperative Education Teacher.

A Message to Parents

Cooperative Education can assist every secondary school student to develop his/her potential as an individual, and a contributing member of society.

The experiences and learning that take place in the adult work environment complement in-school learning, and at the same time provide the student with the knowledge, skills and attitudes that are a necessary part of the world of work. Through Cooperative Education, students have an opportunity to "check out" a career to determine if it is a 'good fit'.

Call your school's Cooperative Education Teacher to receive more information or contact the OYAP/Pathway Instructional Coach at 613-596-8211 x8697.

Student Success

"My favourite thing about coop is getting a real 'hands on' experience."

"I am given real work to do and my work is appreciated."

"I am learning new things all the time. I find it very motivating."

"I got to explore a career possibility and gain pertinent skills relating to the field I want to pursue."

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What is Coop?

- Cooperative Education is a course that integrates classroom learning with practical experience in a workplace.
- Students spend either the morning or the afternoon (and in some cases a full day) at a workplace exploring a career.
- Students can earn two or more credits towards their diploma.
- Up to 12 elective credits may be earned through Coop and students can now count up to two cooperative education credits towards the 18 compulsory credits.
- Students can take a full credit in Coop as a summer school credit.

Placement Opportunities

- Each placement is a partnership between the school and the community.
- Coop teachers, in consultation with students, select the placement and arrange an interview.
- Students must be interviewed by the placement supervisor to be accepted for the placement.

Benefits of Coop

- Explore potential careers
- Obtain credits while working outside of the classroom
- Develop employability and interpersonal skills
- Gain confidence and independence
- Network! – Establish contacts for future employment
- Use state-of-the-art technology and equipment unique to the workplace
- Enrich your high school experience
- Learn how to get and keep the job you want

Career Pathways

Placements are available for students who are bound for all post-secondary destinations, including: Apprenticeship, College, University or Work.

Please note: Career Pathways are changeable and flexible. Students explore career possibilities through a wide array of placements in the following sectors:

Sectors	Career Pathways			
	Apprenticeship	College	University	Work
Arts, Communications and Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Draftsperson – Tool and Die Design ◆ Special Events Coordinator ◆ Entertainment Industry Electrical Technician 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Public Relations Officer ◆ Fitness Instructor ◆ Library Technician ◆ Media Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Advertising Executive ◆ Graphic Design Artist ◆ Journalist ◆ Public Relations Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Library Assistant ◆ Set Builder ◆ Window Display Designer ◆ Photographer
Business, Finance, and Sales and Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Chef, Cook or Baker ◆ Hairstylist ◆ Locksmith ◆ Interior Decorator ◆ Retail Meat Cutter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Interior Designer ◆ Customer Service Representative ◆ Conference and Event Planner ◆ Bookkeeper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Accountant ◆ Administrative Assistant ◆ Lawyer ◆ Financial Auditor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Bank Teller ◆ Housekeeper ◆ Mail Room Clerk ◆ Shipper/Receiver ◆ Tour and Travel Guide
Health, Natural and Applied Sciences and Information Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Horticulturist ◆ Information Technology Support Analyst ◆ Network Cabling Specialist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Dental Hygienist and Technologist ◆ Biomedical Equipment Technician ◆ Computer Technician ◆ Veterinary Technician 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Biologist ◆ Nurse ◆ Engineer ◆ Veterinarian ◆ Medical Researcher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pet Groomer ◆ Funeral Assistant ◆ Dental Receptionist ◆ Health Care Aide ◆ Personal Support Worker
Social Sciences, Government and Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Educational Assistant ◆ Early Childhood Educator ◆ Child and Youth Worker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Police Officer ◆ Paralegal ◆ Correctional Worker ◆ Customs and Immigration Worker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Social Worker ◆ Counsellor ◆ Politician ◆ Teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Daycare Worker ◆ Drop-in Centre Worker ◆ Care Giver ◆ Babysitter ◆ Real Estate Agent
Trades, Transport and Industrial Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Automotive Service Technician ◆ Carpenter ◆ Plumber ◆ Electrician ◆ Welder ◆ Tool and Die Maker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Forestry Supervisor ◆ Mechanical Technologist ◆ General Machinist ◆ Automotive Service Technician 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Airport Manager ◆ Engineer ◆ Civil Servant ◆ Plant Manager ◆ Transit Manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Construction Trades Helper ◆ Carpet Installer ◆ Cable Television Technician ◆ Special Events Coordinator