

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

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Cooperative education is an exciting hands-on method of learning that allows students to earn secondary school credits by combining in-school studies with related work experiences in an out-of-school setting. The student's learning activities at the work placement are closely related to one or more subjects studied concurrently or studied previously in the last academic year or semester. Credits earned through cooperative education count towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (O.S.S.D.)

The program is available to senior level students (Grade 11 and 12) in all subjects and at all levels of difficulty. The Ministry of Education and Training has also introduced the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) that allows students to expand their cooperative education experiences to formal apprenticeship. Students wishing to enroll in cooperative education must successfully pass an interview and must sign a contract with the school and the employer.

Prerequisite: Students must be 16 years old, have 16 credits towards O.S.S.D., and have a good attendance record.

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