

## Co-operative Education

Co-operative Education is a planned learning experience, for which credits are earned, that integrates classroom theory and learning at a workplace. The experience enables students to apply and refine the knowledge and skills acquired in a related curriculum course.

Co-operative Education courses must be based on a related course from an Ontario curriculum policy document in which the student is enrolled or which he or she has successfully completed. The cooperative education course and the related course, together, constitute a student's cooperative education program. The program is designed to suit the student's strengths, interests, and needs and to enhance the student's preparation for the future. Placements should provide students with challenging opportunities to apply and extend their knowledge and practice, refine the skills acquired in the related course, and demonstrate the achievement of the placement expectations that reflect current workplace practice and standards.

Students may apply to take a Co-operative Education course during option selection by indicating their selection on their option sheet and completing a Co-operative Education Application Form available in Student Services. A counselling and interview process will determine the applicant's suitability for the program. Prior to their placements, students receive pre-placement orientation. The student will be monitored regularly while at the workplace by the cooperative education teacher and will receive formal appraisals by the employer. Please note that students are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from the workplace. Bus passes will be issued where appropriate.

Further information may be obtained from the school's Guidance Department or from the Board's Cooperative Education Coordinator at 705.945.7318.



### Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)

This unique program enables students in Grades 11 and 12 to complete course work for their Ontario Secondary School Diploma while starting their apprenticeship training in one of the over 150 skilled trades.



Students who are interested in participating in OYAP take Cooperative Education. Students must be at least 16 years of age and have completed the credit requirements for Grade 10 to qualify for the program. Many of the trades offer excellent employment opportunities and are particularly appealing to those whose talents are in the practical and productive or creative areas. Example apprenticeships include automotive service technician, carpenter, child and youth worker, cook, early childhood educator, electrician, hairstylist, and refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic. Further information may be obtained from the Board's OYAP contact at 705.945.7261.