

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION – *Work Education Program for Credits*



COOP IS A UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR STUDENTS TO PROMOTE SKILL DEVELOPMENT, INDIVIDUAL CAREER PLANNING AND SELF-AWARENESS BY MEANS OF INTEGRATING CLASSROOM LEARNING WITH SUPERVISED PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES IN A BUSINESS, INDUSTRY OR COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION.

THE COOP PROGRAM enables a student to spend half the school day in a curriculum-related community work setting. Students meet regularly throughout the semester to share their experiences, reflect on their learning and participate in integration activities and assignments.

An individual **Work Education Agreement** sets the duration of time that a student spends at the worksite.

The program involves the development of an individualized training plan, monitoring of student progress by coop teachers and an evaluation by both the teacher monitor and the supervisor at the work site.

Upon successful completion of the program, a student is awarded **TWO CREDITS** toward his/her Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MERIVALE HIGH SCHOOL'S COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM PLEASE CONTACT LINDA SLOTIN AT 613-224-1807 EXTENSION 238 OR BY E-MAIL TO linda.slotin@ocdsb.ca

TO ENROL IN A COOP PROGRAM, STUDENTS MUST :

- 1. CHOOSE** Cooperative Education on her/his course option sheet (with parental support)
- 2. SUBMIT** a completed Cooperative Education application form to the Cooperative Education Department
- 3. PARTICIPATE** in an interview with a coop teacher

THE FOLLOWING COURSES are commonly linked with Cooperative Education out-of-school credits.

ACCOUNTING	APPLICATIONS IN BUSINESS
BIOLOGY	LAW
CANADIAN FAMILY	MATHEMATICS
CHALLENGE & CHANGE IN SOCIETY	MUSIC
CHEMISTRY	PARENTING
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY	PHYSICAL/ HEALTH EDUCATION
DRAMA	PHYSICS
ECONOMICS	TECHNOLOGICAL DESIGN
ENGLISH	TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY
GRAPHIC DESIGN	VISUAL ART

STUDENT EVALUATION is a joint responsibility of the teacher monitor and workplace supervisor, which includes:

- *evaluation of student performance at the workplace*
- *teacher assessment of student log sheets*
- *written and oral reports*
- *participation in pre-placement and integration sessions*
- *Independent Study Unit - Career Exploration*

Course fees for Coop Education are \$15.00.

COOP PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

A sample of employers who have provided placements —



ALTA VISTA ANIMAL HOSPITAL
BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS
CHATEAU LAURIER
CHUO – OTTAWA UNIVERSITY RADIO
DONNELLY'S OTTAWA FORD
FIRST AIR
HAIR WORLD
HAMILTON APPOTIVE LAW FIRM
KE ELECTRICAL SERVICES LTD.
LOCAL HEROES
LOEB HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE
MEADOWLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL
NRC FLIGHT RESEARCH LAB
OTTAWA SUN
QUEENSWAY CARLETON HOSPITAL
ROGERS COMMUNITY 22
SALAMANDER THEATER
YMCA/YWCA