

TBA ISD Career-Tech Center

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COOPERATIVE EDUCATION (paid)

DEFINITION

Cooperative Education is an approach to learning that combines in-school classroom training with supervised, part-time employment related to a student's training and career goals.

GOALS

Cooperative Education is designed to:

- ❖ Provide a capstone experience where students can practice skills developed in a career-technical education program.
- ❖ Allow students to make the transition from school to work in a supervised and controlled setting.
- ❖ Help students to develop interpersonal relationship skills, good work habits and attitudes, and proficiency in decision-making ability.

EMPLOYER BENEFITS

- ❖ Student workers with entry-level skills, motivation, and a willingness to learn.
- ❖ CTC Placement Staff provide assistance and supervision to ensure successful work experiences.
- ❖ Co-op students receive job-related instruction in the career-technical classroom.
- ❖ No unemployment benefits need to be paid.
- ❖ An opportunity to assist in training today's youth.

EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- ❖ Provide supervised, part-time employment related to their training.
- ❖ Be involved in the training of the students to help him/her reach career goals.
- ❖ Evaluate the co-op student at intervals.
- ❖ Verify student work hours.

PROGRAM FEATURES

- ❖ Co-op is an extension of the career-technical classroom.
- ❖ Co-op is conducted under a Training Agreement which is a legal work permit.
- ❖ Employer provides a meaningful and safe work environment.
- ❖ Co-op can take place during the regular scheduled class, after school hours, or on weekends.
- ❖ CTC Staff is responsible for coordinating and monitoring the experience.
- ❖ Co-op and placement can occur at any time during the school year.
- ❖ Employer will pay a fair and equitable wage in relation to the student's skill, ability and experience.
- ❖ Students must attend career-technical class (at least) one day a week during co-op experience.

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