

HOW DOES CO-OP WORK?

Co-Op is divided into two components:

- Classroom training in career readiness skills
- Release from school for training with a community business partner

IN SCHOOL

Classroom portion

Students are trained in areas of career readiness. They will develop their own portfolio to assist in gaining employment and have an opportunity to earn a career readiness certificate.

OUT OF SCHOOL

Training site

Students will extend their training for their career with experience on site with local business and industry partners. Students are assisted to find employment by the coordinator, but this is ultimately the student's responsibility.

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**Carbondale
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**COOPERATIVE
EDUCATION**



“Investing in the Future”

WHAT IS COOPERATIVE EDUCATION?

Cooperative Education is a unique learning opportunity for students that extends classroom learning into business, industry and the community. The opportunity to experience the workplace helps students discover their options and gather the information they need to make informed decisions about their post-secondary futures and beyond. Students increase their self-knowledge while developing valuable transferable skills and gaining an understanding of the importance of attitude, teamwork and personal management skills in the workplace.

Cooperative Education (Co-Op) is a form of work experience for high school students that include:

- Related class that includes job readiness, interview skills, résumé writing and workplace safety
- The development of a Personalized Placement Learning Plan for each student
- Monitoring and evaluation by the student, teacher and the employer
- The opportunity to begin an apprenticeship while earning secondary school credits

- The possibility of part-time employment
- The opportunity to earn secondary school credits and work experience



EMPLOYER BENEFITS

- Add value to your organization from a youthful perspective
- Student is dedicated to a minimum of 10 hours of work per week.
- Get actively involved in mentoring/training and assessing of future employees
- Promote awareness of job opportunities and future outlook of occupations within your field of work
- Help students acquire the attitudes and skills necessary for success in the workplace
- Public recognition for a commitment to education
- Develop supervisory skills in existing employees

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Bridges the gap between classroom theory and practical on-the-job experience
- Fosters respect for work and increases personal responsibility
- Builds a globally competitive workforce
- Develops a better student attitude towards the community and encourages involvement in community activities

STUDENT BENEFITS

- Gain hands-on work experience as students earn high school credits towards graduation
- Develop goal setting, decision making and teamwork skills that contribute to a productive workforce
- Identify and develop employability skills, leadership skills and an entrepreneurial attitude
- Explore personal interests, abilities, and values
- Interact with mentors/adult role models and begin to develop their own network
- Experience the world of work