

GUIDE FOR EMPLOYERS

The best way to learn about work is on the job. At the Secondary School level, students have an opportunity to work outside school at jobs that match their interests and aptitudes. It's called co-operative education and it's an important part of the school curriculum. Co-operative education prepares our youth for the transition from school to work; it helps them make education and career choices; it develops knowledge, skills and attitudes expected in the workplace.

Co-operative education is a partnership consisting of employers, students, and teachers. All parties play an important role in the program. Each must commit to the goals of the program and each is responsible for achieving those goals to the best of their ability. The success of the program depends upon clear expectations and shared responsibilities.

Benefits for the Workplace

- improve public relations by demonstrating good corporate citizenship
- employ a motivated and eager individual in their workplace
- source, assess, and recruit potential employees
- involve employees in a rewarding experience with young people
- influence young people's attitudes toward work and school
- develop training, supervisory, and communication skills of current employees