

Career Preparation

Career Preparation is a training program ... it is not a work program.

Look at this comparison:

WORK PROGRAM

(Work release program)

- Student goes out and finds a job -
- any job.
- No training plan
- No school supervision or follow-up.
- No related classroom instruction.
- No job-specific instruction.
- No high school credit awarded.
- Student receives pay as a part-time employee.

CAREER PREPARATION PROGRAM

- Co-op teacher assists in the placement of students based on student's interest and aptitude in an occupational area.
- Co-op teacher develops a training plan for the student in consultation with the employer.
- Co-op teacher makes regular visits to student's employer to evaluate and follow-up student's on the job training performance and progress.
- Co-op teacher instructs students in content specific areas that tie to the students' career and academic goals
- Co-op teacher assigns students independent study that relates specifically to the student's employment and training.
- Co-op students normally receive three (3) State Board of Education approved credits for successful completion of the co-op course.
- Co-op student receives pay as a regular part-time employee with better chances for job rotation, promotion, and training because of the cooperative goals of the program.