



**PATHWAYS**  
to **SUCCESS**  
put your foot down

**CO-OP**

# More Programs, More Choices!

Grand Erie is committed to student achievement.

Besides our regular high school programs we offer:

- Special Education
- e-Learning
- Turning Point
- Cooperative Education
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program
- Credit Recovery

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Ask your school counsellor for more information

**Cooperative education** is a planned learning experience that integrates classroom theory and learning experiences at a workplace to enable students to apply and refine the knowledge and skills acquired in a related curriculum course or a locally developed course.

Cooperative education courses include a classroom component, comprised of preplacement and integration activities, and a placement component. Students earn cooperative education credits by integrating classroom theory with planned learning experiences in the community. Students are assessed and evaluated on their demonstration of tasks linked to curriculum expectations of the related course(s) as outlined in students' Personalized Placement Learning Plans.

Students interested in Cooperative Education must apply for the program and complete an interview. Successful candidates will be notified and recruitment of an appropriate placement will follow.

There is no formal restriction on the total number of cooperative education credits that students may earn in secondary school.

Out of the community co-op programs are available, at Ontario Power Generation and with Military Co-op in Hamilton. These satellite campuses offer a full day program, with half a day in co-op placement and half day in an on campus classroom.

**OYAP**

**Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP).**

Students participating in a trade related cooperative education placement, qualify for the OYAP program. While on placement earning credits, developing knowledge and skills, a student can be registered as an apprentice. An apprenticeship is an agreement between the student (who wants to learn a skilled trade), the employer (who teaches the skills), the school, and the Ministry of Training (Apprenticeship branch).

Students will get a head start on becoming a fully qualified

journey person with a skill set that is in demand. Apprenticeships are an excellent way of learning valuable work skills, and are a viable alternative to traditional post secondary programs.

To begin an apprenticeship during high school a student must:

- successfully complete 16 credits and be enrolled full-time in school
- be 16 years of age or older
- successfully complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement
- complete all compulsory credits required for an OSSD

For more information speak to your school's Cooperative Education or Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program teacher.

For additional information on the skilled trades check out [www.apprenticesearch.com](http://www.apprenticesearch.com).

**Accelerated OYAP**

Accelerated OYAP allows Grand Erie students to register as an apprentice, gain work experience in several occupations that require an apprenticeship, and complete the basic in-school component for the trade at an approved post-secondary institution.

