



Community Build

What is the Community Build Program?

The Community Build Program is a partnership between a predominant community builder in the Waterloo Region and the Waterloo Catholic District School Board. This program presents a very unique learning opportunity that allows students to participate in a construction crew at a building site for an entire semester.

The Community Build Program allows students to obtain Construction/Carpentry credits as well as Cooperative Education credits. The program provides students an opportunity to experience many aspects of construction, giving them the knowledge to choose a viable career in the construction sector.

This program is:

- ✦ Currently based at Monsignor Doyle C.S.S. & St. Benedict C.S.S. (looking to expand program to K-W)
- ✦ OPEN to all schools.
- ✦ Students from St. David C.S.S., St. Mary's or Resurrection C.S.S. must transfer for one semester to access the program.



Access to the Community Build Program is based on student readiness and program availability.

Requirements for All Cooperative Education and Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Programs

You Must:

- ✓ Select Community Build in Career Cruising during the course selection process. Complete a Co-op application package, available in the Co-op and Guidance offices.
- ✓ Be responsible for placement expenses (e.g., work boots). Note: schools will support students who require assistance.
- ✓ Attend an interview with a Co-op teacher. Credit summary and attendance will be reviewed along with the Community Build application package.
- ✓ Submit a signed "Parent and Student Information Form" to participate in a Co-op program.
- ✓ Complete a Work Education Agreement form prior to the first day of work.
- ✓ Make up missed hours, if applicable, at the workplace.
- ✓ Understand that the employer is a key partner in the Co-op program. Failure to follow rules and requirements of your workplace could result in dismissal from your placement, the Co-op program and loss of credits.
- ✓ Disclose any personal/medical information that an employer may find helpful to ensure your safety at the workplace.
- ✓ Accumulated Co-op hours may be applied to the total required hours for an apprenticeship, at the employer's discretion.

How Does the Community Build Program Benefit Students?

The Community Build Program gives students the opportunity to:

- ✦ Gain hands-on practical work experience in multiple construction careers.
- ✦ Gain attitudes and skills necessary for success in the workplace.
- ✦ Increase confidence and self-reliance.
- ✦ Obtain important safety training such as Working at Heights and WHMIS.
- ✦ Fulfills the co-op requirement for the SHSM program.
- ✦ Interact with mentors and begin to develop their own network that may assist them in obtaining employment.



How Does the Community Build Program Help Students Meet Diploma Requirements?

- ✦ Community Build Co-op credits may be used to meet up to **two** of the 18 compulsory credit requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).
- ✦ Students must also earn 12 optional credits for the OSSD. There is no limit on the number of optional credits that may be earned through Cooperative Education courses.



For more information visit <http://coop.wcdsb.ca>, refer to Career Cruising, or contact a Co-op teacher or Guidance Counsellor

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