

## **Bristol County Agricultural Cooperative Education**

Cooperative Education (Co-op.) is release time program that allows eligible junior and senior students to participate in the workforce for a minimum of three hours per day, Monday through Friday, beginning at the start of Term 4. Through Co-op., students have the opportunity to further develop their skills in major specific, workplace settings. Interested students should contact the Cooperative Education Coordinator to review the application packet and eligibility for the program.

Students must meet and maintain standards that are available for review in the Student Handbook. Briefly, to be eligible for co-op., the applying student must have a cumulative average of at least 70 in academic classes and 70 in vocational major and related classes. Participation in the cooperative education program will not be granted to any student who has any of the following: accumulated 50 demerits during the current school year, absences in excess of 10 days (other than a medically excused absence), been tardy on more than 8 occasions, or has been suspended.

Students must complete vocational cooperative education application paperwork which must be reviewed with the placement coordinator prior to the start of the program. All instructors and the supervising Department Head shall approve participation in the co-op. program and, each instructor shall report to the placement coordinator any change in the student's eligibility.

Vocational cooperative education dismissal time shall be from vocational periods only. Attendance at school is required each day a student plans to work at his or her co-op site. Students may be required to stay in school for certain programs at the discretion of the vocational instructor.

Twenty-four hour student health insurance shall be verified BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN in addition to the required insurance coverage of the Employer. All work sites must carry workmen's compensation insurance.

The school administration reserves the right to cancel or alter the vocational cooperative education program for any student. Students who participate in Project Intern or job shadowing activities must meet the same requirements as vocational cooperative education students.