

# Cooperative Education (Co-Op) Program

Mehlville School District  
Special Education  
Grades 11 - 12, Duration 1 Semester, .5 Credits

## Rationale

A knowledge and understanding of the skills required for job success provide the tools students need to become self-sufficient and productive in their personal lives as well as in society. Skills gained while in school provide a framework for future work experience.

## Course Description

This course is a program for the student with disabilities, age 16 and older, whose IEP reflects a need for work experience in a competitive setting. Through partnership with Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Mehlville School District and Special School District, the Cooperative Education (Co-Op) program assists the student with disabilities in earning school credit while participating in school-directed, supervised and paid work experience. The Cooperative Education (Co-Op) Program is designed to facilitate the integration and coordination of transition services for the student with disabilities who receives special education services and who is eligible for vocational rehabilitation services.

## Prerequisites

Prerequisite: IEP team approval and Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation certification

Open to: Juniors and Seniors who are 16 or older

Credit: Up to 2 credits per semester - Two semesters (Practical Arts, Elective)

## Course Objectives

1. The student will complete employment documents and related forms with 90% accuracy. Mastery of the content shall be at the 90% level as assessed by student performance on written assignments. Locally assessed. GLE: CA Reading 1, Listening 1; 1.4, 2.2, 2.3, 3.2, 3.3; CA 1, CA3 (A+: Writing)
2. The student will demonstrate acceptable interpersonal skills and business etiquette when interacting with consumers, co-workers and supervisors with 90% accuracy. Locally assessed. GLE: CA Reading 1, Listening 1; Goals 2.2, 2.3, 2.6 4.4, 4.6; CA 1, CA 3, SS 7 (A+: Speaking)
3. The student will identify, define and articulate appropriate workplace problem solving strategies with 90% accuracy. Locally assessed. GLE: CA Reading 1, Listening 1; 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3; CA 1, CA 3, SS 7 (A+: Reading)
4. The student will apply appropriate workplace problem-solving strategies with 90% accuracy. Locally assessed. GLE: CA Reading 1, Listening 1; 2.2, 2.6, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.6; CA 1, CA 3, SS 7
5. The student will assess stressful situations, develop problem-solving strategies and implement strategies to maintain effective support systems in the workplace with 90% accuracy. Locally assessed. GLE: CA Reading 1, Listening 1; 2.3, 3.3, 3.4, 4.5, 4.6; CA 1, CA 3, SS 7 (A+: Research)

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