

July 8, 2024

Good afternoon (Class of 2025) and Parents/Guardians of the upcoming Senior Class:

Our district wanted you to be aware of an opportunity that is available to your child during their senior year of high school. Our district created a "Cooperative Education Program" in 2021 that allows seniors to earn credits, during school hours, while getting work experiences in their possible profession of choice after high school graduation.

While this opportunity is not required of seniors, we feel this is a great way for students to get that real-world work experience that will better prepare them for their life after high school.

The summer would be a great opportunity to do some research and have meaningful discussions with our staff and your family about your future plans. *(It is the responsibility of the student to find their possible senior year co-op placement but we are here to help!)*

Hopefully, students will be able to get answers to the following questions during their co-op experience:

- What education/training must I complete to enter this profession?
- How much does the job pay?
- Do I see myself enjoying this career?
- What are the work hours for this occupation?
- What local work opportunities exist in our immediate area?

Please check out the attached PowerPoint that describes the program in more detail:

<http://www.mca.k12.pa.us/wp/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/mount-carmel-area-sd-co-op-program.pdf>

If you have additional questions, do not hesitate to reach out to our guidance staff (Mrs. Nestico and Mrs. Venna-Waugh) who can provide more information and help you plan for your co-op experience.

Sincerely,

Mr. Cheddar