

What is OYAP-FAST?

The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program–Focused Apprenticeship Skills Training pathway allows students to earn the OYAP-FAST seal on their OSSD. Interested students must discuss their interest with a high school guidance counselor and sign up prior to Grade 11.

What could an OYAP-FAST timetable look like?

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
1. English	1. English	1. English	1. English
2. Math	2. Math	2. Math	2. COOP
3. Science	3. Science	3. COOP	3. COOP
4. Canadian Geography	4. Canadian History	4. COOP	4. COOP
5. Tech Ed	5. Civics & Careers	5. COOP	5. COOP
6. Arts option	6. STEM Group (other credit)	6. COOP	6. COOP
7. Second Language	7. Option (other credit)	7. Option (other credit)	7. COOP (other credit)
8. Health & Physed	8. Option	8. Option (other credit)	8. COOP (other credit)

OYAP-FAST ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for OYAP, students must:

- Be 15 years of age or older
- Have completed 14 credits towards the OSSD
- Be enrolled as a part time or full time student in a secondary school or continuing education program
- Have a signed parent/guardian “consent to participate” form (if the student is under 18 years of age)
- Earn 8-11 cooperative education credits with their placement component in the skilled trades
- Register as an apprentice by securing a Registered Training Agreement (RTA) before completing an eighth cooperative education credit

*STEM Group course may be taken in any Grade 9-12, depending on the individual student’s course plan for this compulsory course requirement.

*Grade 11 & Grade 12 “other credit” should include student-specific pathway prerequisite courses.

Students who meet these completion requirements and all other OSSD requirements will be awarded the OYAP-FAST seal on their OSSD, and OYAP-FAST will be listed in the Specialized Programs field of the Ontario Student Transcript.

If a student has already been granted an OSSD, it cannot be exchanged for an OSSD with the OYAP-FAST seal.

My piece of advice is if you are having trouble in high school, ask questions. Student workers, teachers, guidance counsellors, friends, and maybe some family members are all examples of help. Everyone wants you to succeed in your educational pathway.

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