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Alberta's Off-Campus Education Rationale:

“Alberta Education permits school authorities to develop off-campus education programs and courses in accordance with prescribed guidelines and procedures. Such programs allow junior and senior high school students to investigate a variety of career opportunities.

“They also allow senior high school students to gain practical experience as they apply and expand their knowledge, skills and attitudes in contexts that will assist them in making wise decisions regarding their future education, training and employment upon leaving high school and allow for a smooth transition from school to work and/or post-secondary institutions.” (<https://education.alberta.ca/off-campus-education/programs-of-study>)

RAP(Registered Apprenticeship Program)

The Registered Apprenticeship Program (or RAP) is an opportunity for a focused student to get a jump start on a career in the trades. There are over 50 certified trades in Alberta that students can apprentice for. Click [HERE](#) for a list of the trades offered in Alberta.

A RAP student goes through an application process and must be accepted into the program based on their attendance, their grades, their attitude and a teacher reference, as well as a fully completed application form. It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that a student have their driver's licence.

Students can begin the RAP program in Grade 10 with a summer placement which may continue into the school year. If a student has a RAP placement in the school year, their timetable will be adjusted so that they can complete their core classes as well as earn credits through the RAP program. Students can earn up to 40 highschool credits and 1000 hours towards their Blue book and become indentured in their trade of choice.

- Must have the prerequisite HCS3000 (Workplace Safety module) module completed before credits can be allocated. This module is offered in LTCHS's 5 credit CALM classes or online through the Off Campus Coordinators.
- CSTS (Construction Safety module) is highly recommended

The RAP program is a wonderful opportunity for students to get a jump start in the trades.

For further information on the RAP program, please see Mrs. Rudolph in the Off Campus Programs office located in the Learning Commons or email renee.rudolph@rdpsd.ab.ca.

Green Certificate Program

The Green Certificate Program provides student trainees with opportunities to enter a variety of agriculture learning pathways as a part of their senior high school program. Students can earn up to 16 Grade 12- 30 level diploma credits and a credential leading to a career in agribusiness.

Students learn on the job, under the direction of experienced farm personnel or trainer and are responsible for finding their own Green Certificate placement.

Trainees select one of the specializations and under the guidance of their trainer, work towards mastering all skills within their training program.

There is no deadline for applications and students can register through their off campus teacher at any time during the year. Tests are done when the student feels they have mastered one of the three sections, however it is highly encouraged that the student test AT LEAST once in the school year. Testing is done in Olds by a person in the agriculture area of study. All tests are given orally and students are assessed on their knowledge.

Areas of study include:

- Beekeeper production
- Cow calf beef production
- Dairy production
- Equine production
- Feedlot beef production
- Field crop production
- Greenhouse production
- Irrigated field crop production
- Broiler Chicken
- Broiler hatching egg
- Table egg
- Turkey
- Sheep production
- Swine production

All students must take ARG 3000 - Agriculture Safety, prior to enrollment in any of the green certificate programs.

All training sites must be inspected by Mrs. Rudolph. See Mrs. Rudolph in the Off Campus Programs office in the Learning Commons for more information or by email renee.rudolph@rdpsd.ab.ca.

Work Experience Program

Work experience allows students in grades 10, 11 or 12 to earn credits while learning valuable, practical job skills through experience in a work placement. Students will learn how to cooperate in a team environment and ideally obtain a positive job reference to further their career goals. Students work at their job site and learn the kinds of skills and abilities that employers are looking for in an employee. This is done by being punctual, reliable, motivated, enthusiastic and willing to learn.

For every 25 hours of work, a student earns 1 high school credit; however the student must work a minimum of 75 hours(3 credits) in order to receive any credits. Additional credits are awarded for each 25 hour increment after that. A maximum of 15 credits can be earned and used towards receiving a high school diploma.

Work experience credits can be used to boost GPA, qualify for scholarships and many post secondary institutes use these grades for post secondary entrance requirements.

Students may get credits from a paid work placement such as retail, fast food, etc. or from an unpaid volunteer placement.

Credits can be at any of the three levels, but can only be awarded in the proper succession. In other words, if credits are awarded at the 25 level, the student can no longer get credits at the 15 level. They can only get credits at the 35 level.

Credits **CANNOT** be awarded retroactively. This means the work experience contract and workplace inspection must be done **PRIOR** to accumulating hours for credits.

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Additional Off-Campus Programs

Basic Training – Senior high students, 17 years of age (or older) can attend Army Basic Training camp during the summer of their Grade 11 year. If the Off Campus program is set up PRIOR to them attending the camp, they can earn a maximum of 10 credits for Basic Training.

Health Internship Program – students interested in pursuing a career in Health Care should consider making application for a Work Experience placement in the summer after their Grade 11 year. Alberta Health Service opens up a limited number of learning opportunities for students to test drive a career and gain exposure to occupations within health care. Students earn credits while being paid.