The Dale County Board of Education recognizes the importance of the school-community linkage in training individuals for specific occupations; assisting individuals with the transition from school to the world of work; providing an environment for developing proper skills, knowledge, work and safety habits, and pride in achievement. As such, Cooperative Career/Technical Education Programs will be provided to the extent possible to strengthen this linkage. These programs will operate in compliance with general career/technical education policies established by the Board and program standards outlined in current administrative code.

Each cooperative career/technical education program shall provide on-the-job training that:
1. is related to existing employment opportunities which offer promotion and advancement.
2. is related to the student’s occupational objective.
3. does not displace other worker who can perform such work.
4. is conducted in accordance with written training agreements and training plans that incorporate methods for solving problems at work and problems at school.

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

The following criteria must be met prior to a student’s participation in Cooperative Career/Technical Education programs:
1. The student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) must select the cooperative career/technical course(s) as an elective.
2. The student’s parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign a release form authorizing the school to release his/her child from school to travel to and from the educational job site.

All transportation costs must be borne by the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s). The student must meet prerequisites for the cooperative career/technical course selected as described in the current Alabama Work-Based Learning Manual.

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