

Program Services



OTTAWA-CARLETON
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



IBEW Local 586 Electrical Union Cooperative Education Program

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) has partnered with the IBEW Local 586 Union to offer full-day co-op placements for up to 25 students per semester as Electricians with unionized employers. This program allows students to develop industry skills and knowledge, with the potential for apprenticeship opportunities upon graduation for successful participants.

Program Details

- For the first 2-3 weeks students will be participating in pre-placement learning at their designated school that is tailored to their upcoming Electrical placement
- Pre-placement learning will focus on job readiness and industry certification training that will meaningfully prepare students for the community placement experience
- After successfully completing pre-placement requirement, students will transition to a community placement hosted by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers where they will remain for the remainder of the semester

Student Benefits

- \$5000 Stipend from Local 586 for successful completion of the program
- Required PPE at no cost to the student
- Certification training at no cost to the student
- Transportation subsidy through OYAP (up to \$350)
- Basic hand tools and equipment provided through OYAP
- Sponsored apprenticeship (RTA) and accumulating apprenticeship hours towards an their Electrician pathway

Ideal Candidate

- Interested in pursuing a career as an Electrician
- Enrolled in full day co-op (either Sem 1 or 2)
- Strong academic achievement, particularly in subjects related to math, science (physics), and English
- Priority will be given to students in Grade 12 and on track to earn their OSSD at the close of the 2025-2026 school year
- Previous OYAP and/or Tech and Trades experience an asset
- Access to reliable transportation an asset

Expression of Interest

Please complete this [Expression of Interest Form](#) in order to submit an application to the IBEW Electrical Co-op Program. All applications will be vetted centrally through Program Services in consultation with IBEW recruiters to determine suitability for the program.

- The deadline for applying to Semester 1 is June 2, 2025
- The deadline for applying to Semester 2 is November 21, 2025

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact David Hubbard (david.hubbard@ocdsb.ca), Cooperative Education Lead and Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program Recruiter.