

# OYAP-FAST Consent Form for HDSB Students

(Updated January 2025)

## To participate in OYAP-FAST, students must meet the OYAP eligibility requirements:

- Be at least 15 years of age or older
- Have completed 14 credits toward the OSSD
- Be enrolled as a part-time or full-time student in a secondary school or continuing education program
- Complete an [OYAP Participation Form](#) during a co-operative education placement in a skilled trade
- Have a parent/guardian sign this consent form if the student is under 18 years old
- Adult students (over the age of 21) are also eligible for OYAP. To be eligible, adult students must: Earn credits towards an OSSD with the goal of obtaining an OSSD

## To complete OYAP-FAST, students must:

- Earn 8 to 11 co-op credits with their placement component in the skilled trades.
- Register as an apprentice by securing a Registered Training Agreement (RTA) before completing an eighth co-op education credit.

For current Grade 10 and 11 students, co-op credits earned can count toward two of their Group 1, 2 and 3 compulsory credits or be counted as electives.

## Implications of Selecting the OYAP-FAST Pathway:

In selecting courses for the student's Grade 11 and 12 school year, consideration should be given not only to ensuring the student meets their [Ontario Secondary School Diploma \(OSSD\) requirements](#), but also that they are keeping doors open to post-secondary programs of interest. For example, while the OSSD requirements may have only English as a compulsory credit in their Grade 12 year, an [apprenticeship-bound](#) student may also wish to take Math or Physics courses required by colleges or unions tied to their trade sector of interest.

OYAP-FAST students may limit their ability to apply to college and/or university programs depending on the courses selected by the student over their high school career. Students who are in this program should be quite confident that they are pursuing the apprenticeship pathway for their post-secondary education. Conversations with their Guidance Counsellor are strongly encouraged as well as accessing skilled trades and apprenticeship-specific resources such as [Skilled Trades Ontario](#).

Students can take a maximum of 8 in-school credits in each of grade 11 and 12. In each of the senior grades, OYAP-FAST students are advised to take at least 4 co-op credits in order to ensure they meet the 8-11 Skilled Trade co-op credits for this pathway.

## Course Selection

Students wishing to pursue the OYAP-FAST pathway will be directed by their Guidance Department to select the 'OYFAST' code during course selection in myBlueprint. Parents/guardians must approve the student's course requests. All students who select the 'OYFAST' code will have a follow-up conversation with their Guidance Counsellor and will receive an OYAP-FAST consent form that requires a parent/guardian signature for students under 18 years of age.

***Please print to ensure legibility and submit to your school's Guidance Office.  
Students under 18 years old need a parent/guardian signature to complete this form.***

**I agree with the following statements:**

- ☐ Having reviewed the overview and eligibility requirements of the OYAP-FAST Pathway, I give consent for my student/myself to be registered in this program.
- ☐ I have received information and support from the secondary school and have been given the opportunity to have my questions answered about the OYAP-FAST pathway.
- ☐ I understand that both my student / I and the school's co-operative education department will work together to secure appropriate placements for my student/me in the desired skilled trades sector.
- ☐ I understand that my student's/my participation in this program will require my student/me to complete the OYAP Participation Form at the start of my student's/my first co-op credits in the program.
- ☐ I understand that schools can not guarantee that my student/ I will be placed with an employer in the chosen skilled trade and can not guarantee an employer will register the student/me as an apprentice.
- ☐ I understand that my student/I will need to have a signed Registered Training Agreement (RTA) by the completion of the 8th co-op credit in order to successfully earn the OYAP-FAST seal on my student's/my Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- ☐ I understand that the HDSB OYAP Recruiter can be accessed for support throughout my student's/my OYAP-FAST experience.

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Student's Last Name, First Name

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Ontario Education Number (OEN)

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Parent/Guardian Last Name, First Name  
(if applicable)

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Date (YYYY/MM/DD)

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Signature of Parent/Guardian or Student  
Age 18 Or older, or student who is 16 or  
17 and has Withdrawn from parental control

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Trades Sector  
(eg. Construction, Hairstyling etc)

**Questions**

If you have questions about OYAP-FAST, please contact your Guidance Department or email Jeff Hines, OYAP Recruiter for the HDSB at [hinesje@hdsb.ca](mailto:hinesje@hdsb.ca).