

RAP and the trades: a solid career foundation

RAP is a real-world program with real-world rewards and challenges. To succeed, a RAP student must make a solid and on-going commitment to both their school and their workplace.

The school will want your son or daughter to maintain good standing in his or her classes.

And the employer will expect the same from your son or daughter as he or she would from any employee. That means regular, on-time attendance, respect for authority, a sincere focus on learning the required skills and working safely and efficiently.

Success in developing strong study and work habits—and in balancing expectations at both school and work—can greatly improve your son or daughter's long-term employability.

Work in a trade can provide high job satisfaction, a good income and a lifelong career.

Journeyman certification is often the first step in a career path that can lead to an additional trade, to a professional career such as engineering, to supervisory, administrative or management positions, or to a self-employed business career.

Wherever their trade education leads, RAP students enjoy an expanded knowledge and experience base that will stay with them, and help them... all the way!

Information Sources

For additional information about the trades, visit

WWW.TRADESECRETS.ORG

or contact any apprenticeship and industry training office listed below. If the nearest office is outside your local calling area, call toll-free to 310-0000, then enter the number of the office you want to reach.

Bonnyville	(780) 826-4175
Calgary	(403) 297-6457
Edmonton	(780) 427-8517
Fort McMurray	(780) 743-7150
Grande Prairie	(780) 538-5240
Hinton	(780) 865-8293
Lethbridge	(403) 381-5380
Medicine Hat	(403) 529-3580
Peace River	(780) 624-6529
Red Deer	(403) 340-5151
Slave Lake	(780) 849-7228
Vermilion	(780) 853-8150

You can also ask about RAP at your son's or daughter's high school.

RAP:

for Parents



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RAP: Real work... real world rewards

What is RAP?

The Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) is a highly successful program that enables high school students to become employed apprentices while they complete high school. RAP students earn both apprenticeship and high school credits, with no delay in their graduation from high school!

While most apprenticeship programs begin after high school, RAP gives students a head start toward certification and a solid career as a certified journeyman. RAP students earn at least minimum wage, and some employers pay more.

What is apprenticeship?

Apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job training, work experience and technical training in one of 50 skilled trades recognized in Alberta. Apprentices spend about 80% of their time learning on the job, and the rest attending technical training classes at a college or technical institution. Programs last 1 to 4 years, depending on the trade.

Successful apprentices become certified journeymen,

a designation that proves to employers in Alberta and across Canada that they meet Alberta's high industry standards. Alberta-trained journeymen are respected worldwide.

How does RAP work?

To join the RAP program, your son or daughter must first find an employer willing to train an apprentice. It's only a temporary challenge, as there are plenty of employers out there who know and respect the apprenticeship training system.

After your son or daughter secures an employer, the high school RAP Coordinator and the employer will agree on a program that balances school and work. Your son or daughter signs an apprenticeship contract with the employer. The contract is registered with Alberta Learning, and the training begins.

The school-work balance is flexible.

It can mean going to school for one semester and working as a RAP apprentice the next. It could mean three days at school, two days at work, or attending school regular days and working summers, holidays and weekends. It's about the combination of school and training that works best for your son or daughter as he or she balances the demands of school with those of the employer.



What's in it for my teen?

Plenty!

The facts speak for themselves:

83% of RAP students say the program gave them an incentive to do well in school

94% of RAP students say the program made them more interested in completing high school

98% said RAP helped them be more aware of their career options

Nearly **100%** of both RAP students and their parents say they would recommend the RAP program to other students.

