



Take Our Kids to Work Day Nov 1, 2023

Parents/Guardians

How Take Our Kids to Work helps parents/guardians to start talking about career choices with their children

- Take Our Kids to Work provides parents/guardians with the opportunity to begin a dialogue with their children about what they want to do and don't want to do career-wise – because the many possibilities and options for students today can be confusing. And in many cases, the traditional pathways are no longer the only pathways to success. For example, university is not the only path to employment.
- It's really important for parents/guardians to become engaged in their children's schooling. *Take Our Kids to Work* is a great opportunity for parents to open the door to a conversation about what their children learned from the experience and what they'd like to do – what their passions are.
- Take Our Kids to Work day is also a great way for parents/guardians to talk about what THEY do because many kids don't know exactly what their parents/guardians do at work.
- Take Our Kids to Work day shows parents/guardians that there are many emerging industries and career paths and that there are new ways to develop the skills that will be required in the future. This helps parents inform and guide their children to a suitable career choice in today's changing economy.

The opportunity for parents/guardians to demonstrate interest, caring and support for their teenage child is an important element in the success of Take Our Kids to Work. Adolescents benefit from seeing their parents/guardians and other adults as everyday heroes: people who are contributing to their workplace, their families and the larger society through their daily actions.

Additional benefits for parents/guardians include:

- The opportunity for career discussions based on a shared workplace experience.
- Engagement in dialogue before, during and after the visit.
- A better understanding of the connections between what students are learning in the classroom and essential skills in the workplace.

Where can students go for the day?

We encourage parents to invite their own child to spend a day on the job. If you are unable to host your own child, there are still ways for your child to participate. Here are some suggestions:

- Ask a relative, neighbour or family friend to host your child at their workplace.
- Contact the school, speak with the principal, career studies or co-op teacher and ask if they can assist you with finding a suitable placement.
- Ask the parent of another Grade 9 student who is participating, if your child could join them for the day.
- Contact local businesses, ask if they are hosting students for Take Our Kids to Work, inquire if someone within their organization would be willing to host your child, providing you make the necessary transportation arrangements.



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Students

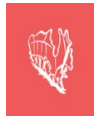
What Take Our Kids to Work can do for students

- Take Our Kids to Work is a “day in the life” experience that helps students to find out what they want to do in the world of work and what they don’t want to do – which can be just as important.
- Take Our Kids to Work day provides students an opportunity to connect with people in the world of work, which is important to help them adequately make decisions and explore options when it comes to career planning.
- The experience has the potential to reveal intersection points between different subjects and interests in a way that is not always possible in high school where subjects are often separate. For some, finding out that they can apply their strength in math to their love of sports in a job as an accountant for a sports company, is a discovery they might never have made at school.
- Take Our Kids to Work day provides experiential learning opportunities for young people. They get to experience a day in the life of an employee, going beyond a title and finding out what somebody actually does all day long in a particular job.
- High school students get to hear straight from the horse’s mouth what skills employers are looking for to be successful in the working world. Take Our Kids to Work day validates the messages they have been getting from teachers and parents.

Where can students go for the day?

There are many ways that you can participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day:

- Spend a day on the job with your parent/guardian.
- Ask a relative, neighbour or family friend if they can host you at their workplace.
- Speak with your principal, career studies or co-op teacher if they can assist you with finding a suitable placement.
- Ask the parent of another grade 9 student who is participating if you could join them for the day.



Take Our Kids to Work Day™ Parent/Guardian Consent Form

To be completed and signed by a parent or guardian and student, then returned to the school.

To the Parent/Guardian: Your child has the right and responsibility to have a safe and educational workplace visit. Health and Safety education is an important element of this program. Review this form with your child and sign below. If you have additional questions about safety, contact the school or the workplace.

Student's name: Teacher's name:.....

- ☐ My child has my permission to participate in this program.
- ☐ My child may be photographed, interviewed or videotaped on Take Our Kids to Work Day by the workplace for the purpose of promotion, advertising and public relations purposes related to Take Our Kids to Work Day.
- ☐ The workplace is aware that my child will be visiting on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 between the hours of _____ and _____. We have discussed lunch arrangements and appropriate clothing/safety attire.

Parent's name: Workplace name:.....

Telephone:.....

Address:.....

OR

- ☐ My child will ac- ☐ company a: ☐ (check one) ☐
- Relative Friend Community Host

Contact's name: Telephone:.....

☐ Workplace name:.....

A colleague at my workplace would be willing to host another student in need of a placement.

Colleague's name: Telephone:.....

Elements of risk

All experiential learning programs, such as field trips, cooperative education, job shadowing and Take Our Kids to Work participation, involve certain elements of risk. Injuries may occur while participating in this activity without any fault of the student, the school board, or the host employer. By allowing your child to take part in this activity, you are accepting the risk that your child may be injured.

I understand that there are risks associated with my child visiting a workplace and I have reviewed the elements of risks with my child.

Parent/Guardian signature:..... Date:.....