

Welcome back to school!

We hope you have all had a great start to the school year! Click on the arrow to the right to watch a short and fun video welcome from school and division leaders. Thanks for all you do to help students succeed! We are looking forward to an awesome year!



Increased number of Chinook's Edge students taking advantage of summer career-building experiences

While summer can be thought of as a time to relax and take a break, an increasing number of Chinook's Edge students are using the summer months to build their career readiness. This is also a part of the school division's goal to provide career pathway learning to students to prepare them for their future with career readiness skills.

The division had 236 students completing summer off campus programming, an increase from the 184 students who participated in the summer of 2023. All 12 Chinook's Edge schools with students in Grades 10 to 12 had students in the program. Of the 236 students working over the summer of 2024:

- 11 had Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) placements
- 225 were work experience students

Also, of the 236 students, 63 found their placement because of the support of the division's partner organization, [CAREERS](#). CAREERS plays an important role in Alberta, bringing together industry, schools, government, and communities to guide youth into successful career paths.

Aida Hingst, a Grade 12 student attending Ecole Olds High School, was one of the division's participating students. She worked at Brandt Ag in Olds.

Aida says that as she enters her final year of high school, ***"my confidence is at an all time high. The support from my school and all of the people working off campus, dual credit and Olds College is fantastic. I have a plan academically as I finish high school and transition into post secondary schooling."***



Above top): Ethan Moreau, a student from Delburne School, worked at Jonathan Lee, repairing farm equipment.

Above (bottom image): Ashton Laskowski, a student from Bowden Grandview School worked at OK Tire in Innisfail.



Aida Hingst, an Olds High student, worked at Brandt Ag in Olds.

Hingst says she plans to spend the final semester of the school year taking dual credit programming in Heavy Duty Equipment Technician training at Olds College of Agriculture and Technology.

Aida says, ***“My problem solving skills have definitely improved as I continue to learn new skills. I feel supported every step of the way. In a business setting professionalism, initiative, teamwork and having a strong work ethic go a long way. Having a willingness to learn, try new things and have a growth mindset is something that I will continue to do in the future.”***

Kent Lorenz, Director of the Community Learning Campus Facilities, says, ***“We’re pleased to see the number of students participating in these career strengthening experiences - which is part of our career connection programming. When students have support for their futures - both through academic growth and career related opportunities - they find success.”***

Chinook’s Edge featured some of its work experience students on the division’s Facebook page over the summer, and had a great response from the community. Check out [the page](#), and scroll back through July and August to see what the students were up to!

