

OPERATING ENGINEERS PATHWAY



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Pathway program?

- The Operating Engineers Pathway program offers high school students online courses to prepare for a career as a heavy equipment operator. The program also provides hands-on learning opportunities.
- The courses are offered through Minnesota Virtual Academy's digital platform and are available to any high school student in grades 9-12 enrolled in a Minnesota public school.
- Classes are eligible for high school credit, college credit with North Hennepin Community College and apprenticeship credit with the International Union of Operating Engineers' apprenticeship program.

What courses are offered?

- Construction Exploration
- Basic Grade & Construction Math
- Equipment Fundamentals
- Basic Equipment Maintenance

How do these courses fit with students' existing schedules?

- Students can remain enrolled in their local school while taking Pathway classes.
- Live online class sessions allow Pathway instructors to connect directly with students. All classes are recorded for students to view later if they can't participate live.
- These courses are designed to fit within any student's schedule and give students enough time to complete assignments on time, no matter what time of day they take a class.

How does the program affect the student's school district?

- Taking a course has no budgetary impact on the local school district, provided the student passes the course.
- Upon a student's successful completion of a course, the district is fully reimbursed for the cost.

How does a student apply?

- Find step-by-step enrollment instructions at local49.org/pathway.
- There will be forms for students and parents to fill out, as well as a form for a school counselor from the student's home district.
- Contact careerprep@mnva.org with questions.

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