

# YOU KNOW YOU ARE DOING CDOS WHEN....

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CDOS is not a mystery. In fact, Career Development and Occupational Studies is a central part of every classroom. The following statements, collected from educators across the State, identify how easily CDOS fits into the curriculum.

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- Learning experiences have real-life application.
- Lessons are authentic and project-based.
- Lessons are experiential in nature.
- Lessons are hands-on.
- Lessons connect to careers.
- Students are able to connect present learning to future goals.
- Students explore various career paths without limiting their choices.
- Students engage in career role-playing.
- Students learn and then apply skills they learn in school.
- Students participate in entrepreneurial endeavors in the school environment.
- Students create class expectation charts.
- Students integrate knowledge with experience.
- Students offer comments of how much they are looking forward to their future careers because classroom activities are relevant to the real world.
- The teacher discusses his/her own skills with students.
- Assessment directly measures performance.
- Parents thank you for introducing career opportunities to their child.
- Graduates return to thank you for guiding them toward their career goals.