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Internship program now offered at THS



[Raven McConnell](#) interns in the TES office. The [Cooperative Education \(COOP\)](#) program at [Thomasville High School](#) is offering something new this year. Students are now able to participate in an internship program.

The traditional COOP classes provide work-based, supervised training experiences that cannot be obtained in the classroom. They integrate classroom instruction with productive, progressive, supervised workbased experiences related to students' career objectives.

This year, students are also able to work in internships. The students must work 140 hours for credit. They learn many other skills, such as employability, ethics, personal finance, leadership, teamwork and technical foundations in preparation for future employment or continuing education. Students in internships are not paid.

After developing training plans that list processes, knowledge and skills that the student is expected to learn from the internship experience, each student is placed at a training station. The employer serves as a mentor, providing diverse, rigorous, progressive work-based training experiences, as well as monthly reports on punctuality and attendance. The employer and the student work closely with the school's supervisor, Mrs. [Kay Larrimore](#), who visits the training station regularly to check on progress.



[Keaira Hudson](#) interns as a physical education aide at TES. The COOP program has received tremendous support from businesses and organizations in Thomasville. Because of this, 12 students are now participating in the program.