

# CDOS Grant

**What:** Program Development Grant to Prepare Students with Disabilities to Exit School with Work Readiness Skills (CDOS Grant)

## *Purpose of Grant:*

Increase students with disabilities' access to and participation in career and technical education (CTE) coursework, instruction in the Career Development and occupational Studies (CDOS) learning standards, and work-based learning opportunities to fulfill requirements for the award of the NYS CDOS Commencement Credential.

**Where:** TST BOCES plus 8 component School Districts

**When:** September 2015\* - June 2018 (\*we started February 2016)

**Why:** *Benefits to Students:*

- Learn entry-level, work-readiness skills and perform authentic tasks
- Connect classroom learning to workplace experiences, making academics more relevant
- Learn to navigate workplace systems
- Increase knowledge of post-secondary career paths and options
- Make community connections
- Fosters positive work habits, attitudes and interpersonal skills

## *Benefits to Employers:*

- Enhance workforce diversity
- Strengthen relationships between school and community
- Help future workers develop a clear understanding of workplace expectations
- Build a potential pool of skilled and motivated workers

## *Benefits to Community:*

- Fosters community knowledge and involvement
- Promotes good citizenship
- Reinforces universal work values
- Connects business models to educational systems
- Provides mutually beneficial mentoring opportunities