**Section 254.1160 Eligibility of Students**

a) Eligibility for student participation in a regular cooperative vocational education program shall be limited to persons who are sixteen years of age or older prior to the time of employment under the program.

b) Eligibility for student participation in a Special Cooperative Vocational Education Program:

1) for a Work Experience and Career Exploration Program, shall be limited to full-time students fourteen and fifteen years of age prior to employment under the program who are academically disadvantaged, need motivation to stay in school (e.g., students who are failing one or more subjects, are two or more grade levels behind, or, as determined by the eligible recipient, have absenteeism and discipline problems), and who have the potential for employment, as determined by the eligible recipient, and;

2) for an Early School Leaver Program, shall be limited to high school dropouts 16-21 years of age who are unemployed or who desire to upgrade their employment.

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