

OAK CANYON JUNIOR HIGH
Student Education Occupation Plans

What is a Student Education Occupation Plan (SEOP)?

Student Education Occupation Plans are meetings held with the student, parent and counselor/educator. This meeting provides means for the student to set personal and academic goals on an individual basis. Oak Canyon has developed a theme “Building Your Successful Future” for the school SEOPs. Each grade level SEOP relates to the overall theme.

7th Grade SEOP’s

Seventh grade SEOP’s focus on “Building Your Successful Future.” During each SEOP, the student and parent discuss various “tools” that will help students succeed. The tools are real instruments that represent what students need to know about school success. For example, the measuring tape represents grades and graduation requirements because they “measure your progress” or the hammer represents hard work because “you need to continually hammer away at your school work to succeed.” Eight tools in all are discussed. In addition, we review the 19 different CTE-intro career development lessons 7th graders have done this year.

During the 2005-06 school year, the counseling department became aware that many parents were not able to review their student’s CTE-Intro notebook (survey results showed approximately 12% of parents were reviewing the book). The notebook contains the 19 different career development lessons that 7th graders experience during the first semester of 7th grade. It is a great resource for parents to learn more about their student and his/her educational and career goals for the future. We felt that the lessons were important enough to review that we needed to change the way that 7th grade SEOPs were conducted.

The following year, we began to include the notebook review as part of the SEOP. 7th grade SEOPS were moved from a 15 minute individual conference to a 45 minute small

group conference (with the option of an individual SEOP with the parent and counselor later if desired).

8th Grade SEOP's

During 8th grade SEOPs, the “Blueprint for Success” is discussed. Using a “real” blueprint with academic, personal/social, and career items listed on it, the student, parent and counselor are able to review progress and goals. During the 8th grade SEOP, all 8th grade students create a four year plus plan. We also discuss the Utah Scholars program, academic goals, UtahFutures activities, and career goals.

9th Grade SEOP's

Ninth grade SEOPs focus on “Building a Strong Foundation.” Each SEOP is held with the student, parent, and junior or high school counselor. Oak Canyon has been holding SEOPs with the high school counselors for six years to make the transition from junior high to high school smoother.