

Student Internship

City Program

Welcome to the Student Internship program between the City of Edmonton and the INNOVATE Program with Edmonton Public Schools. We are excited to provide our youth with opportunities for public engagement! As citizens, we all have status, rights and privileges. We also have responsibilities to contribute to the development of the world around us. The City Student internship program provides groups of youth with the time and space to develop a project around a city issue of their interest and to have their voice heard by key-decision makers. In this program, youth will work together to learn about specific issues, create recommendations for the City and develop and implement an action project. Students will also connect with and learn about *careers and career pathways* in Civic life and implement student governance.

Here is how it works:

1. *Create an advisory committee* of 5 or so students per project (preferably from your school)
2. *Determine a specific portfolio* based on your group's interests (suggested issues below)
3. *Register for FREE* by following the instructions on the next page
 - Up to 5 credits of special projects will be added to student transcripts in special projects 10, 20 or 30 (depending on your grade level) through the Argyll Centre with Edmonton Public Schools.
4. Starting in September 2016, set up *weekly meetings* (before class, at lunch or after school)
5. Each group member familiarizes themselves with their City portfolio by visiting edmonton.ca and by connecting with their **Councillor** and [Youth Council](#).
6. *Generate a list of concerns*, ideas, solutions, et that you will recommend to the City in April
7. *Develop an action plan* (public awareness, community service, etc...) by completing the Project Plan page with your group ([accessible after registration](#)) and submit the plan to innovate@epsb.ca. Committees may seek **funding** through INNOVATE and will have opportunities for field trips, **mentoring** junior high students, **connect with experts**, etc...
8. Continuing meeting once a week and *blog updates* of activities and directions on the innovatehighschool.ca website.
9. Projects are expected to be completed by mid-April 2017 and **presented** to student groups from other schools and to City Council (Date to be determined).
10. Each group member will revisit their original learning goals and submit an online *self-evaluation* to complete the course (beginning of May, 2017)

Registration

Please send a brief email to innovate@epsb.ca stating

- a. your full name
- b. current school
- c. grade level for 2016-2017 school year
- d. topic of interest

*NOTE: Students enrolled in the Catholic or other boards must *1st* register in the INNOVATE Program with the Argyll Centre at

argyll.epsb.ca/registration-a-funding/registration-process (there are NO fees).

The program begins in September 2016 but groups may register anytime from now until late September.

Portfolios

Current areas in need:

- Air Quality
- Biodiversity
- Local Food
- Land Use
- Water Quality
- Urban Sprawl
- Waste Management and Recycling
- Community Initiatives ie: Blatchford Neighbourhood Development
- Energy Transitions and Climate Change (strategies to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions)

The Way We Green: Environmental Strategic Plan contains current City department strategies on all of the above portfolios.

http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/city_vision_and_strategic_plan/the-way-we-green.aspx

Contact Program Coordinator Mr. Dublenko at innovate@epsb.ca or 780-267-4677 with any questions you may have.

Credits:

Special Projects

- Project plan
- Learning log
- Presentation (City Council)
- Self-evaluation (revisit learning goals)
- Professional Portfolio

Leadership

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