DREAMER DAY 2026

EDUCATOR GUIDE

Thursday, October 29th, 2026 | 9:00am - 3:00pm | The International Centre, Mississauga ON



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Educational Value

This year, Build a Dream is creating a dynamic environment where student learning will be:

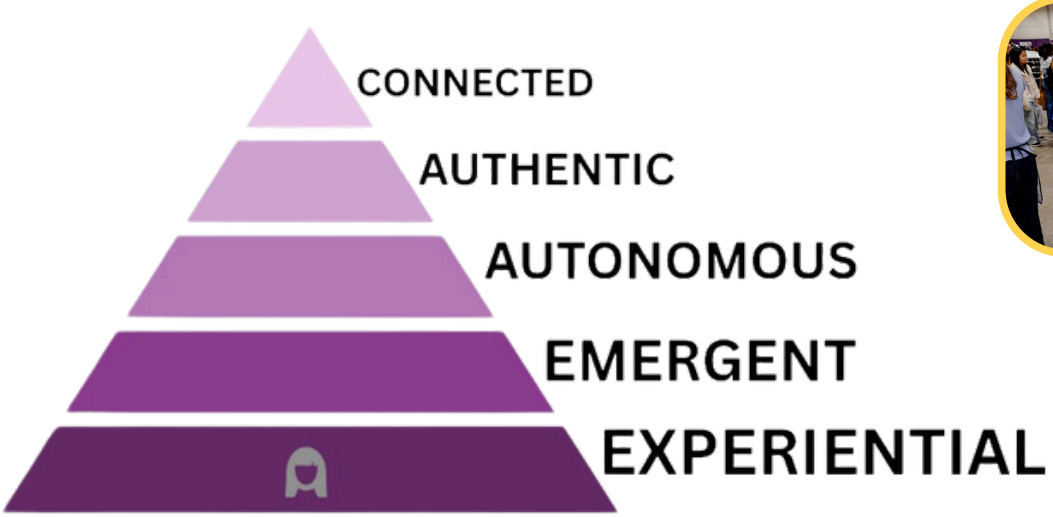
Connected
The event promotes connected learning by linking students with mentors, community partners, and important pathways such as OYAP. These connections deepen engagement, and show students how their learning ties into larger systems of education, employment, and social impact.

Authentic
Learning is authentic because it takes place in a context that mirrors the real world. Students interact with professionals, explore actual tools and technologies, and engage in spontaneous, unscripted conversations. Authentic experiences not only connect theory with practice, but they also motivate future action.

Autonomous
Students are encouraged to make independent choices during the event; selecting activations, asking their own questions, and setting personal learning goals. These elements of self-directed learning are embedded into the Student Passport that will help guide their day. This type of autonomy fosters confidence, critical thinking, and a sense of ownership, all of which are significant to the adolescent learner.

Emergent
Student learning is responsive and emergent, unfolding organically as they interact with industry professionals, explore exhibits, and ask questions that matter to them. This flexible structure allows interests and insights to arise in the moment, making learning timely and personally meaningful.

Experiential (Base of the Pyramid)
The foundation of all learning at Build a Dream is experiential; hands-on, real-world engagement that allows students to explore careers through action. This grounded, sensory experience builds understanding that is lasting, and makes learning both relevant and meaningful







Student Event Highlights

- **Exhibitor Stations & Hands-On Activities**
  - Interactive and experiential tasks, simulators, try-a-trade tasks, and career-themed challenges

- **Dream Maker Panels on the Main Stage**
  - Panel discussions with women working in high-impact careers across all fields: Skilled Trades, Emergency Response, STEAM, Entrepreneurship, Leadership
  - Student Q&A portion
  - See schedule below

- **Dreamer Day Passport & Swag Bag**
  - Inside students' swag bag is a student learning guide complete with schedules, guiding activities, and questions for the exhibitors
  - **Special Note: Educators are asked to report to the registration check-in booth upon arrival. ONLY the educator. You will receive your students' swag bags & passports to hand out on the bus, or outside the entrance doors.**

Dream Maker Panel Schedule

Your Event Day Passport will indicate which Dream Maker Panel your school board is slotted to attend. You will see this same table, with your school board listed inside the Passport.



TIME	SCHOOL BOARDS ATTENDING
10:30 AM	
11:20 AM	
12:10 PM	



Event Day Instructions

Please print the the document, **Event Day Instructions** to bring with you on the event day.

We ask that you please read it aloud to students before disembarking your bus, or entering the venue.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EVENT DAY INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Teachers,
Thank you for joining us for Dreamer Day! We are thrilled to welcome you and your students to this inspiring and interactive experience! To help your day run smoothly, please follow the steps:

ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION

STEP 1:
Arrival by bus: Please drop students off directly in front of the INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, HALL 3 . After drop-off, buses can proceed to the parking lot.

Arrival by TTC or on foot: Proceed directly to the venue entrance for Hall 3.
STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO STAY ON THE BUS OR OUTSIDE UNTIL REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE

STEP 2:
ONE teacher/chaperone from each school should enter through the doors and proceed to the registration area to check-in . Please state which school board you are attending with.

You will revieve your students' swag bags that contain their Event Passport. Please hand these out on the bus or outside the venue so that student traffic flows directly into the main stage area without stopping..

STEP 3:
Read the instructions on the next page aloud to your students before entering the venue

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Your Day At A Glance:

Arrival & Registration: 9:00am

- Read Student & Teacher Event Day Instructions prior to entering the building.
- Upon arrival, check in at the Registration Counter and receive your swag bags and Dreamer Day Passports - please hand these out to your students on the bus/outside the venue

Main Stage Kick Off: 9:30am

- Begin your day at the main stage with our keynote welcome

Student Exploration: 10:00am - 3:00pm

- Students are free to move throughout the space, choose exhibitor experiences, and engaging at their own pace.
- Students are encouraged to use their passport as a guide, and complete the FYP TIkTok Challenge!

Lunch & Breaks: All Day

- Food is available for purchase at onsite food concessions

Educator Lounge: All Day

- Enjoy the dedicated space for educators that features coffee and light refreshments, seating, charging stations, and cross-curricular content from OPG

OPG Scholarships & Event Surveys: 1:00pm

- Join us as we officially announce the Watt Next Energy Leadership Scholarships, presented in partnership with Ontario Power Generation.
- Students will also have the opportunity to share their feedback on the day with the Build a Dream Team!

Explore the Trade Show Floor

The Dreamer Day Trade Show Floor is where students get to explore, try, ask questions and discover what's possible. The floor is organized into **seven career zones,** making it easy to explore different industries and pathways.

Each zone brings together employers, industry leaders, unions, educators and community partners, with plenty of hands-on activities, demonstrations and opportunities to connect with women working in these fields.

Student can look for the **colour-coded zone signs** throughout the floor to help them navigate, and **use the map in their Event Passport** on the day to find your way around.

Trade Show Zones

Innovate & Design
Discover how ideas become products through advanced manufacturing, machining, technology, robotics and design.

Protect & Serve
Explore careers focused on protecting, supporting and serving communities, including emergency response, public safety and defence.

Move & Explore
Get hands-on with careers that keep people and technology moving - from automotive and transportation to aviation and aerospace.

Build & Create
Explore the skilled trades that build the spaces and infrastructure around us, and meet the people turning plans into reality.

Power & Sustain
Discover careers that power our communities and explore the skilled trades, technologies and innovations shaping the future of energy.

Earth & Resource
Explore careers connected to Canada's natural resources, from mining and forestry to the technology and skilled trades supporting these industries.

Launch & Lead
Meet entrepreneurs, business leaders and organizations to discover how ideas, skills and passions can become businesses and careers.

Educator's Lounge

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Located just off the main hall, the Educators' Lounge is a space exclusively for educators and chaperones. Take a well-deserved break during the day thanks to Ontario Power Generation. In this space, you will enjoy:

- Complimentary refreshments
- Comfortable seating and a space away from the busy Trade Show Floor
- Charging stations
- Space to connect with colleagues and learn about OPG'S WATTNEXT Energy Literacy Program

Connect with the team from OPG and explore their WATTNEXT ENERGY LITERACY PROGRAM



WattNext is an **interactive energy literacy program** launched in October 2025 by Ontario Power Generation (OPG), the Ontario Science Centre, and Ontario Tech University to educate about the province's power system and clean energy future

Key Program Overview:

- **Partnership**: Combines OPG's electricity expertise, the Science Centre's education legacy, and Ontario Tech's research leadership.
- **Core Topics**: Explores electricity generation, nuclear power, moving and storing power, and energy system transformations.
- **For Educators & Students**: Offers curriculum-aligned lesson plans, interactive resources, and free livestream learning sessions.
- **Career Pathways:** Connects youth and job seekers with the skilled trades and professional paths needed for Ontario's clean energy sector.
- **Accessibility:** Provides a dynamic website alongside physical hands-on exhibits and community events.

> "As Ontario's energy transformation continues, and with electricity demand forecasted to increase in the coming decades, there has never been a better time to discover, decipher, and learn about the province's electricity system."
>
> Nicolle Butcher
> President and CEO, OPG

OPG's WATTNEXT™

FUTURE ENERGY LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS

The OPG's WattNext Energy Leader Scholarship recognizes **five Ontario Grade 11 and Grade 12 students** who demonstrate initiative, leadership, and a commitment to building a brighter clean energy future through education, skilled trades, innovation, and community impact.



Scholarship recipients will be selected through a process that considers their experiences, aspirations, initiative, potential, and the perspectives that they bring to Ontario's future workforce.
Each recipient will receive a **$1000.00 award.**

LEARN MORE

Amirah



Co-op intern in Pickering Nuclear's Maintenance Strategies team.

"I hope to share my experiences and encourage more women to join this exciting industry, helping to shape a more diverse and inclusive future for energy.

Joelle



Intern in Pickering Nuclear's Refurbishment Component Engineering department.

"As I continue my journey at OPG, I hope to further develop my critical thinking and technical skills and am excited to contribute to a more sustainable future here and beyond.

Sam



Hydroelectric Operating Technician working in OPG's R.H. Saunders Generating Station.

"Starting something new can definitely be scary, but it's so fulfilling. It makes you feel good to accomplish what you set out to.

Student's FYP TikTok Challenge



THE FYP CHALLENGE 2026

Create a TikTok-style video that captures your learning, experiences, and discoveries throughout the day.

Produce a 30–90 second vertical video that tells the story of YOUR Dreamer Day experience.

Videos will be judged on creativity, storytelling, enthusiasm, and completion of the required challenge criteria.

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PRIZES

Awards will be presented in the following categories:

Best Overall Video **Most Creative Edit** **Best Storytelling**

You MUST **tag @webuildadream** to qualify for awards.

VIDEO REQUIREMENTS

✔ Show Us Where You Are
I'm at Dreamer Day at The International Centre in Mississauga!"

✔ Explore Every Career Pathway
✔ Meet the Dream Makers
✔ Spotlight Our Partners
✔ Get Hands-On
✔ Make a Connection & Interview
✔ Your Biggest Discovery
✔ Hashtags: #DreamerDay2026 #FYPChallenge #findyourfuturebuildyourdream

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Food Options

There are plenty of options for food and snacks throughout the day to keep you and your students fueled while you explore Dreamer Day!

Dreamer Day Tip: Don't miss the action! Grab your food when other groups are at their scheduled Dream Maker Panel—you may find shorter lines and have more time to explore.

FAST FUEL LUNCHES

PRE-PURCHASED BY SCHOOL BOARDS



Fast Fuel lunches have been organized by **SOME** participating school boards and will be available from a dedicated pickup area separate from the main concession lines.

If your school board has purchased Fast Fuel lunches, your organizer (OYAP Recruiter) will coordinate pick-up and distribution for your group. Be sure to check with them for details.

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Food options will be available to accommodate a variety of dietary needs and preferences, including celiac/gluten-free, vegetarian, vegan and halal options.

Students with specific dietary restrictions or allergies should speak directly with food vendors about ingredients and preparation practices before purchasing.

FOOD VENDORS

There will be a variety of food vendors available throughout the day to keep you fuelled. From light snacks, drinks to full meals, the vendors have something for everyone. Vendors accept all form of payment, including debit, credit, and cash.

Craft Express All In One:
9:00AM - 2:00PM
Pizza and assorted wraps and sandwiches, samosas, patties, cookies, whole fruit,

Poutine Bar:
10:30AM - 2:00PM
See full menu on the next page



Nashville Style Chicken
10:30AM - 2:00PM
Chicken strips & fries

The Doghouse
10:30AM - 2:00PM
See full menu on the next page

IC Global Bowls & Premade Gourmet Salads
10:30AM - 2:00PM
Freshly Prepared Bowls with Chef's 3 Choices of Protein: See full menu on the next page

IC Sweet Corner
10:30AM - 2:00PM
Ice cream bars, popcorn, bags of candies

Pizza Pizza
10:30AM - 2:00PM

Taco Corner
10:30AM - 2:00PM
Authentic Mexican tacos, quesadillas and salads

Lemonade Counter
9:30AM - 2:00PM

Food Options



SPECIAL MENU ITEMS & PRICING

Poutine Bar Menu

CLASSIC QUEBEC POUTINE $9.25
Fresh cut fries, local cheddar cheese curds, beef gravy

PULLED PORK BBQ POUTINE $11.50
Fresh cut fries, local cheddar cheese curds, smoky BBQ pulled pork, chipotle aioli

IC Global Bowls & Premade Gourmet Salads

Hot Pre-Made Bowls

ASIAN BOWL $16.00
Teriyaki chicken or crispy tofu/lemon grass steamed jasmine rice/ asian veggies with edamame and yellow beans/ asian slaw

MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN BOWL $16.00
Chicken souvlaki, lemon pepper roasted yukon potatoes, greek rice with veggies/greek salad

Selection of Gourmet Salads

KALE CAESAR CHICKEN $ 13.95
Baby kale & hearts of romaine greens, chicken breast, parmesan and olive oil crostini, eggs, bacon bits, Parmesan cheese, roasted garlic, heirloom grape tomatoes – lemon pepper vinaigrette

SOUTHWEST COBB SALAD (GF) $ 13.95
Grilled chicken breast, bacon bits, egg, grape tomato, cheddar cheese, roasted corn, pickled jalapeno, tricolour tortillas, haven greens – honey chipotle ranch

SUPER FOOD VEGAN SALAD (GF) $ 13.45
Mediterranean tri colour quinoa salad, garlic- oregano chic peas, roasted sunflower seeds, red beets, grape tomatoes, cucumber, kalamata olives (may contain pits), vegan cheddar, baby greens – Citrus- Hemp emulsion

THE DOGHOUSE

CLASSIC $6.50
Beef/chicken wiener mix on a bun, mustard, ketchup, relish

TEXAS CHILI DOG $8.95
Beef/ chicken wiener mix on a bun, beef chili, cheddar cheese, jalapenos, crispy onions

Event FAQ

Q: Can student choose their own activities at the event?
A: Yes! Dreamer Day is theirs to explore. Students are free to discover the trade show floor, participate in hands-on activities, connect with exhibitors, explore different career pathways and take in event programming throughout the day. Doors open at 9:00 a.m., with the Main Stage program kicking off at **9:30 a.m**. Students will also have a scheduled time to attend a Dream Maker Mentor Panel with their school group. Outside of these scheduled moments, they are free to explore and create their own Dreamer Day experience!

Q: What is a Dream Maker Mentor Panel?
A: The Dream Maker Panels give students the opportunity to hear directly from women working in a variety of industries and career pathways. Mentors will share their experiences, answer questions and offer insight into what their careers are really like. Your school group will have a scheduled panel time, so be sure to follow the instructions provided by your teacher.

Q: Will we receive anything when we arrive at Dreamer Day?
A: Yes! Each student will be given a **swag bag** to use throughout the day. As they explore the event, exhibitors may also have giveaways, resources, and other items available at their booths.

Q: What is the Student Passport and how does it work?
A: Each student will receive a Student Passport upon entering the venue. Your passport will help students navigate Dreamer Day, explore the different industry zones and discover activities and experiences throughout the event.

Q: Can I take photos and videos at Dreamer Day?
A: Absolutely — it's encouraged! There will be plenty of great opportunities throughout Dreamer Day to capture photos, videos and social content as you explore the event and participate in activities at exhibitor booths. Students are encouraged to get involved in the **FYP TikTok Challenge** and share their Dreamer Day experience. When taking photos or videos, please be respectful of other attendees and exhibitors and make sure anyone featured in your content is comfortable being included.

Q: What if I have students who do not have permission for their photo or video to be taken at the event?
A: Students who have not given permission to have their image captured in photos or videos will receive a sticker to display prominently on their shirt, letting event photographers and videographers know that they cannot be photographed or recorded.

Q: Can we purchase food at Dreamer Day?
A: Yes! Food vendors will be available throughout the event, with a variety of food and beverage options available for purchase. Vendors will accept **cash, debit and credit.**

Q: Are there food options available for dietary restrictions?
A: Yes! Food options will be available to accommodate a variety of dietary needs and preferences, including **celiac/gluten-free, vegetarian, vegan** and **halal** options. Students with specific dietary restrictions or allergies should speak directly with food vendors about ingredients and preparation practices before purchasing.

Q: What are Fast Fuel lunches?
A: Some school boards have pre-purchased Fast Fuel lunches for their students. Fast Fuel is designed to make lunch quick and easy, giving you more time to explore Dreamer Day.
Fast Fuel lunches will be organized by school or school board and available for pickup at designated times. Check with your OYAP recruiter to find out whether your school board has purchased a Fast Fuel lunch for you and when your group is scheduled to pick it up.

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Final Reminders

- **Supervision:** Students self-navigate most of the event, but we encourage teachers to check in on them regularly.
- **Fast Fuel Lunches:** Please support your school board in distributing these lunches if applicable.
- **Support:** Dreamer Day staff and volunteers will be stationed throughout the venue to assist you and your students

Thank You Educators!

Dreamer Day is only possible because of your dedication. Thank you for going the extra mile to support your students' futures. Whether you are chaperoning, coordinating, or encouraging from the sidelines, your presence matters.

We are incredibly excited to welcome you to the International Centre for a day of exploration, discovery, connection, and inspiration.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to our team:

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