



**31st Annual
PROJECT HEAVY DUTY
April 21st
May 4th & 5th**

For the 31st year, School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) in conjunction with its many partners in education is pleased to offer **PROJECT HEAVY DUTY** to students throughout SD91. In cooperation with area high schools and the generous donation of supplies, equipment and time from industry and local business partners. Twenty-four students from will participate in this exciting and unique career awareness opportunity.

Tour/Seminar & Trades Awareness Component – April 21st

- Students will tour and enjoy hands-on activities related to a variety of trades at CANFOR-Plateau Div., in Vanderhoof.

Heavy Duty Equipment Operation Component – May 4th & 5th

- Students will learn about and operate up to fifteen different pieces of equipment in a simulated work environment.
- Students will work in pairs and spend an hour at each station.
- The availability of machinery fluctuates from year to year; however, students can expect to operate the following types of machinery: grader, grapple loader, front-end loader, butt-n-top loader, skidder, clam, feller-buncher, excavator, bob-cat, dump truck, cat, rock truck, semi-truck, packer, scraper and backhoe. In addition, static stations such as gas welding, tire repair, helicopter, fire truck, ambulance and other unique equipment may also be present.
- Generous local contractors and businesses donate equipment and employee time
- Fuel donations come from local contributors; L&M Lumber – Nechako Group and the Vanderhoof Co-op
- Local contractors donate low-bed costs to move equipment to and from the site.

Each day the students, supervisors and operator-instructors put in a full working day and are provided with a coffee break and lunch. Hot meals are prepared and delivered to the site's portable kitchen.

At mid-day on the Friday, an on-site appreciation barbecue for all the students, sponsors and organizers is held; during which time all participants re-live the excitement of the course. Certificates of participation are awarded to all students and gifts of appreciation to all contractors and suppliers.

This very successful project could not be accomplished without our many Partners in Education. Communities, businesses, contractors, School Board and school-staff all working together for the benefit of students.

For more information on **PROJECT HEAVY DUTY**, please contact the following people from your area:

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Student Eligibility

1. **Must be in Grade 10, 11 or 12**
2. **Should be in good academic standing and be able to afford (3) three full days away from regular classes and other personal responsibilities**
3. **Must have an excellent and mature attitude**
4. **Must be at least 15 years old**
6. **Must be able to accommodate a daily schedule that may range from 6 am to 7 pm**