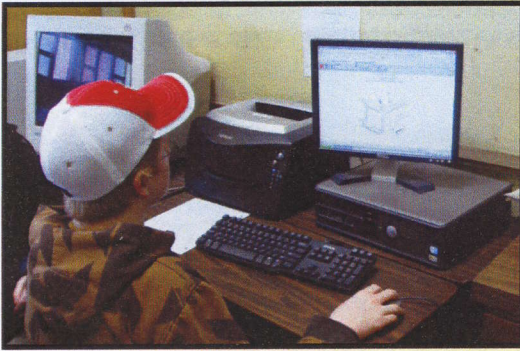




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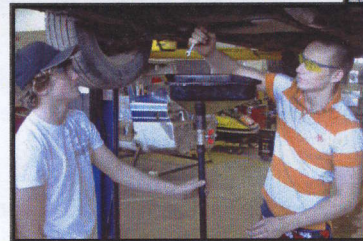
SHSM Transportation at South Grenville District High School



South Grenville District High School is offering a Specialist High Skills Major in Transportation. Students who make this a focus for their Ontario Secondary School Diploma will be enhancing their knowledge and skills by customizing their courses and career-focused learning to those areas that are closely related to the transportation sector. Our Technology Department offers Ministry developed courses and focus courses such as Transportation Technology, Computer Science applications, and Manufacturing which compliment the Specialist High Skills Major. Community partnerships have been expanded to provide students with the training and practical knowledge needed to make career related decisions.

Experiential Learning and "Reach Ahead" Opportunities

South Grenville District High School is blessed with a variety of strong community based partners. Our High Skills Program Participants are exposed to experiential visits, "reach ahead" opportunities, and co-operative based placements in some of the following transportation areas: truck & coach; farm & heavy equipment repair and handling; automotive repair, service, retail, parts & customer service; high performance engines; power sports; and marine engines. Algonquin, University of Guelph Kemptville, and St Lawrence Cornwall College Campuses are all located within a 1 hour drive of South Grenville District High School to provide opportunities for guest speakers, visits, and dual credits.



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Specialist High Skills Major

What is a Specialist High Skills Major?

A Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a type of specialized Ministry of Education approved program. A SHSM allows students to focus their knowledge and skills towards a certain economic sector. Students obtain certification recognized in those sectors, as they work towards meeting the requirements for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Students who graduate with a SHSM designation on their diploma are prepared for success in a particular sector and in the postsecondary designation of their choice, whether it is apprenticeship training, college programs, university programs, or the workplace.

Every SHSM Includes Five Components

- 1) A package of required credits including:
 - 4 'major' credits for courses that provide knowledge and skills closely related to the sector of specialization;
 - 2 – 4 other required Ontario Curriculum credits particular to the SHSM's economic sector
 - 2 cooperative education credits
- 2) Compulsory certifications in a particular sector which are identified in each SHSM framework.
- 3) Experiential learning that could include job shadowing, job twinning, and work experience.
- 4) Use of the Ontario Skills Passport (OSP) to document the demonstration of essential skills and work habits.
- 5) 'Reach Ahead' opportunities to allow students to experience learning in their intended postsecondary destination, which can range from a day of attendance at a college, a university, or a workplace to completion of a dual credit, and/or Level 1 Apprenticeship in-school training.

How will the Specialist High Skills Major Benefit Students?

- A SHSM allows a student to experience a range of customized, career-focused learning opportunities in a specific sector. It enables a student to take courses in an area of interest related to a particular sector while working towards an OSSD.
- The focused learning experience of a SHSM program gives students the opportunity to explore, identify, and refine career goals and make informed decisions related to postsecondary education goals.
- The experiential learning opportunities provided in a SHSM enable students to refine their skills and improve their work habits, gain confidence in their ability to succeed, and see the connections between their studies, the real world, and their future careers. Students are also able to begin to establish relationships and networks in their chosen fields.
- Students who graduate with a SHSM can look forward to improved prospects after secondary school. The SHSM framework and content is becoming more recognized and supported by the economic sector, apprenticeship and training programs, colleges and universities.