



What is a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?

An SHSM is a program offered in Grade 11 and 12 to students in all four pathways. The program enables students to focus their high school education on their career interests. Students who complete their SHSM will graduate with a specialized high school Diploma that is sector recognized

What does an SHSM look like?

A SHSM is a bundle of up to 10 credits in Grade 11 and 12 that include two Experiential Learning (Co-op) credits

What do you get by taking an SHSM?

- Sector-recognized certifications and training
- Real workplace experience
- Learning experiences connected with post-secondary opportunities
- Skills and work habits required for future employment success



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Specialist High Skills Major



Manufacturing

Valley Heights Secondary School

Valley Heights SHSM program focuses on filling labour gaps in the local manufacturing industry. With 14 welding booths complete with brand new ESAB multi function welders, Henlex ventilation system and a 4'X4' CNC plasma cutter we have all the equipment to produce industry standard projects.

"I see the huge signs outside manufacturing facilities each day on my way to school or hockey looking for welders, machinist and fabricators. The manufacturing Specialist High Skills Major Program will give me the experience and certifications the shops are looking for. My resume is now filled with certifications and experiences so I can apply for these positions right after I finish school and the best part is it's free!"

Benefits of the Transportation Program:

- A focused approach to a career pathway
- Three senior credits (English, Math, and Science or Business) with units contextualized to the manufacturing industry
- A chance to work in the trade and apply skills and knowledge in a Co-operative work placement (two credits)
- Trade related certifications such as First Aid, CPR, WHMIS, CWB 1G certification, Lockout/tagging and more, paid for by the SHSM program
- Free transportation and opportunities for Reach Ahead experiences

