



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



The Transportation Program, Automotive Service Focus

Dunnville Secondary School

The Transportation Program allows students to focus their learning on the automotive service industry. It features community involvement, personal projects, maintenance and repair and includes experience with safety, tool and equipment skills, terminology, problem solving, industry updates, and theory from tires to turbos.

"My enthusiasm for anything automotive has only grown over the years. I actually take safety much more seriously and watch out for others."

Austin Gray (Grade 12 student)

Benefits of the Transportation Program:

- Gain auto service skills
- Learn the theory and knowledge of the industry
- Build network with industry contacts
- Create school-to-work possibilities through references and experience

"I am looking forward to co-op as my placement makes high performance parts and I'll get to install them too. The free car show every year is a fun added bonus."

Jacob DaRosa (Grade 12 student)

