



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/Repair Focus

Valley Heights Secondary School

The Transportation SHSM program is a bundle of credits from Grade 11 and 12 Transportation courses. The focus is a hands-on approach to vehicle repairs on real vehicles.

"I've always loved cars but I didn't know much about them. So far in the Transportation SHSM I've learned how to fill tires, take an engine apart, do an oil change, and all about the importance of having good parts. I'd like to be a mechanic in the future."
Maggie Friesen (Grade 11 student)

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 transportation industry
- A chance to work in the trade and apply skills and knowledge in a Cooperative work placement (two credits)
- Trade related certifications such as First Aid, CPR, WHMIS, Propane Handling, Lockout/tagging, customer service, and more, paid for by the SHSM program
- Free transportation and opportunities for Reach Ahead experiences

