

What is a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?

An SHSM allows students to customize their high school experience to fit career interests. Offered in grade 11 and 12, an SHSM allows students to receive a specialized high school diploma that is recognized in various economic sectors in all four pathways.

What does an SHSM look like?

An SHSM is a bundle of 8 to 10 grade 11 and grade 12 credits 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 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 Co-operative 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



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