



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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The Horticulture and Landscaping Program Green Industry Focus

McKinnon Park Secondary School

The Horticulture and Landscaping SHSM covers all aspects of green industry. Students focus on marketing, floristry and design, landscape design, greenhouse production, small engines and equipment maintenance. All equipment is up to industry standards.

"I love learning all of the different things about plants and how they can benefit us, like a healing garden. I plan on going to college for floristry or for greenhouse technician and then open my own business." - April Hill-Skye (Grade 12 student)

Benefits of the Horticulture and Landscaping Program:

- Students take ownership of accomplishments within program
- Portfolio gain (personal photo record of all work)
- Learn what to use for seasonal decorating (Fall, Christmas, Easter)
- Numeracy skills learned
- All four pathways available and offered

"I love working with my hands rather than bookwork, and through the Horticulture program, I've learned how to build gardens and landscape professionally." -Andrew Orosz (Grade 12 student)

