

## 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 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)



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