

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 economic various 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 Communication Technology Program Design Focus

Paris District High School

The Communication Technology program explores specializations and career possibilities in the areas of interior design, industrial design, product design, mechanical and architectural design as well as virtual gaming design.

"The SHSM Communication Technology program at Paris District High School prepared me with the tools and skill sets that I needed to be successful in my first year of design school. Other first year students struggled with getting their ideas down on paper and figuring out how to use software and equipment. My experience and confidence allowed me to excel in my studies!" PDHS graduate

Benefits of the Communication Technology Program:

- Students will learn about the latest technologies and software utilized in design development
- Experience real world design applications
- Receive certifications and training in software, health and safety
- Meet and work with industry professionals such as interior designers, engineers and architects
- Amazing field trips to colleges and universities with a specialization in design disciplines



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