

Program Overview

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program in Arts and Culture gives students an opportunity to specialize, gain qualifications, and plan a career pathway in various areas of the Arts and Culture sector while still in high school. The SHSM Program has a number of required components, designed to give students a “leg-up” to pursue post-secondary opportunities in each of the identified sectors, valuing apprenticeship, college, university and work.

The Arts and Culture sector offers students opportunities to get inspired and use their unique skills and abilities in careers in visual arts, drama and performance, technical theatre, dance, media and many other creative areas.

Achievements in the Program

- **Certifications and Awareness Training:** Students complete sector-recognized certifications related to the major and selected from a list, including Standard First Aid, CPR Training, WHMIS and three electives specific to the Arts and Culture sector
- **Experiential Learning Opportunities:**
 - > Have the opportunity to job-shadow industry professionals
 - > Complete 2 Cooperative Education credits and get work experience in the Arts and Culture sector
 - > See guest speakers, go on field trips and other workplace experiences to explore careers in the Arts
- Document your essential skills and work habits through the **Ontario Skills Passport**
- **Reach Ahead Experiences:** Explore the field and post-secondary education opportunities in the Arts and Culture sector
- Completing the SHSM program prepares students for their **pathway to apprenticeship, college, university or work**

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Arts & Culture



Graphic Artist

Musician

Actor

Event Coordinator

Stage Technician



The Experience

- Learn a variety of performance styles
- Participate in workshops with industry professionals
- Develop studio skills in a variety of traditional and emerging media
- Incorporate digital technologies into the creative process
- Develop transferrable skills compatible with multiple pathways to all post-secondary destinations

Course Package

Each SHSM program offers students a bundle of 8 - 10 credits. These courses are regular Ontario secondary school courses that allow students to work towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, but have been bundled as the most relevant courses to prepare students for a future in the Arts and Culture sector.

The bundle includes:

- **4 "major" credits** in the Arts in grade 11 and 12. Refer to the chart on this brochure for specific Arts course offerings at each school.
- Supporting credits, which include Contextualized Learning Activities (opportunities for students to learn the subject in the context of the Arts and Culture sector i.e. Students complete business project related to managing a theatre production):
 - > 1 Grade 12 English Credit
 - > 1 Grade 11 or 12 Business Studies or Canadian and World Studies Credit
 - > 2 Cooperative Education credits to experience life in the Arts and Culture sector

HDSB SHSM Program Locations: Arts and Culture

Focus	Location	Region of Halton	Further Information
Performing Arts Program	Burlington Central High School	Burlington	Focuses on both performance and production through studies in music, drama and technical theatre, enhanced through a wide variety of supporting courses.
Creative Performing Arts and Technology	Nelson High School	Burlington	A Student-Centered program focusing on performance, production and composition through the vehicle of musical and dramatic arts.
Theatre Arts Program	L. B. Pearson High School	Burlington	A holistic approach to the world of theatre on and beyond the stage.
Musical Theatre	Craig Kielburger Secondary School	Milton	An all-encompassing program that allows students to select from courses in acting, musical theatre, music, hair, make-up, graphic and media production, set construction and design.
Creative Arts and Technology	T.A. Blakelock High School	Oakville	Differentiated instruction in Art, Drama and Music supported by industry standard technology.
Visual Arts & Design Program	Iroquois Ridge	Oakville	Focus on Visual Arts and Design.
Musical Arts Program	White Oaks Secondary School	Oakville	Focus on instrumental/vocal music, music composition and audio production.

Course Majors & Course Offerings By School

	Visual Arts			Music				Drama and Production							
	Photography	Visual Arts	Media Arts	Vocal	Instrumental	Guitar	Music & Computers	Musical Theatre	Drama	Technical Theatre	Communication Technology	Fashion	Dance	Film & Television	Cosmetology
Burlington Central H.S.			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Nelson H.S.				X	X	X		X	X	X	X				
L.B. Pearson H.S.									X	X	X	X	X	X	
Craig Kielburger Secondary School		X			X			X	X	X	X	X			X
T.A. Blakelock H.S.	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X			
Iroquois Ridge H.S.	X	X	X										X		
White Oaks Secondary School				X	X	X	X								

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