



# YOUR SKILLS ➡ YOUR FUTURE

## PARENT GUIDE

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Students take a bundle of 8-10 courses in grades 11 and 12 including four “major” credits in their area of interest.

English, Mathematics, Science or Business courses are specifically designed to complement the “majors”

Students can take at least two co-op credits and get valuable experience related to their SHSM.

### SHSM Sectors at Waterloo Catholic DSB

- Arts & Culture
- Business
- Construction
- Energy
- Sports
- Environment
- Health & Wellness
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Manufacturing
- Transportation
- Information & Communications Technology
- Justice, Community Safety & Emergency Services
- Non-profit- Education Stream
- Horticulture & Landscaping

*Please note: available majors vary by school.  
Check out [highskills.ca](http://highskills.ca) to see what is offered at your high school.*

### WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES?

#### SHSM Students will:

**HEAR and SEE**  
first hand what a career  
in their sector feels and  
looks like

**NETWORK**  
with post-secondary  
institutions, and local  
industries

**COMPLETE**  
industry recognized  
certifications and  
training

**APPLY**  
for SHSM Scholarship and  
bursary opportunities

**DISCOVER**  
the relationship between  
school and careers

**GAIN**  
confidence in their  
ability to succeed

**OPEN**  
doors for summer jobs  
and future employment

**EARN**  
a Red Seal designation  
on their OSSD





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## HOW TO PLAN FOR SHSM

Plan ahead by encouraging your child to...

### GRADE 7 & 8

Investigate their interests and passions inside and outside of school

Use **MyBlueprint** to start their secondary school education plan

Attend Grade 8 Information Nights to consult with teachers and counsellors

### GRADE 9

Enroll in courses that align with their interests, skills and academic abilities

Review and update their education plan on **MyBlueprint**

Consult with guidance counsellors to ensure they have the pre-requisite courses

### GRADE 10

Explore opportunities in the Career Studies Course

Use **MyBlueprint** to align their post-secondary plans with their current secondary school education plan

Sign-up for the SHSM program & consult with SHSM Lead Teacher, or Guidance before grade 11 course selection

Planning early will allow students to...

### GRADE 11

Begin SHSM programming and work towards completion  
 Select appropriate Grade 12 SHSM courses

### GRADE 12

Complete SHSM requirements.  
 Apply for post-secondary opportunities, scholarships, and/or bursaries

