

# Grimsby District Secondary School

## OYAP & SHSM

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The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program is a specialized program that enables students who are 16 years of age or older to meet diploma requirements while participating in an occupation that requires an apprenticeship. Students enrolled in OYAP earn Cooperative Education credits in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. All students participating in OYAP must: complete 16 credits towards the OSSD prior to starting the program; be enrolled as full-time students during the program; complete all compulsory courses for the OSSD.

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### Specialist High Skill Major

### SHSM

The Specialist High Skills Major is a ministry-approved specialized program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while meeting the requirements for the OSSD. It assists them in their transition from secondary school to apprenticeship training, college, university, or the workplace. A SHSM must include the following five components:

- \* a bundle of 8 to 10 Grade 11 and 12 credits that includes: 4 major credits that provide sector-specific knowledge and skills; 2 to 4 other required credits from the Ontario curriculum; 2 Cooperative Education credits that provide authentic learning experiences in a workplace setting, enabling students to refine, extend, and practise sector-specific knowledge and skills
- \* sector-recognized certifications and/or training courses
- \* experiential learning and career exploration activities within the sector
- \* "reach ahead" experiences connected with the student's chosen post secondary pathway
- \* development of Essential Skills and work habits required in the sector, and the use of the Ontario Skills Passport (OSP) for purposes of documentation.

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