

SCHOOL PAGES

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Located in the heart of the city, SJAM is enriched by the diverse cultural backgrounds of its students. It has a large English as a Second Language program and the only Native Studies program in HWDSB.

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

Visual Arts Academy - Students enrolled in the Visual Arts Academy take specialized studio courses in naturally lit classrooms. Areas of study include Animation, Sculpture, Ceramics, Illustration, Paint and Drawing, Photography, Digital Media and Portfolio.

NYA:WEH - There is a dedicated resource room where Aboriginal students can access computers, do homework, receive cultural support and have a healthy meal. Two youth workers, a cultural worker and an Elder are involved in the program. Students can also take Native Studies courses in Grade 9 and 10 Art, Grade 11 History, English, Food and Regalia, Digital Media and Grade 12 History.

Basketball Academy - The emphasis of the Basketball Academy is on fundamentals, individual skills goal setting, rules, and team concepts. Students choosing the Grade 9 Basketball Phys Ed will also be enrolled in Grade 9 English with a basketball themed approach to skill development.

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR (SHSM)

Hospitality (pending Ministry approval) - Students enrolled in this program focus on the food and beverage services sector of the hospitality industry. They develop skills in food preparation, customer service, safety and sanitation, explore career options and study environmental practices within the industry. Students have the opportunity to visit sites that are currently training future chefs as well as locations that are important aspects to the sector.

Energy (pending Ministry approval) - The energy sector is emerging and expanding. The focus of the Energy program is on renewable and alternative energy sources such as wind, solar, biomass, geothermal and hydrogen fuel cell technology, and energy efficiency which includes reducing energy consumption through the use of energy-saving building technologies.

SPECIALIZED COURSES

Welding - Students have the opportunity to learn welding techniques in these Grade 11 and 12 courses.

Yearbook - This two credit package involves students in the creation of the school yearbook using a MAC Lab and software.

English as a Second Language - Five different courses are offered to help students acquire English fluency and develop English writing skills. Students also take ESL classes in different subject areas.

Physical Education Focus Courses - Courses are offered with a focus on badminton, soccer, volleyball and dance (as well as the Basketball Academy)

Sports and Entertainment Marketing - This course involves an examination of marketing techniques used in the sports and entertainment fields.

Website Design - This course introduces students to the fundamentals and techniques of website design.