

“Work In Progress” (WIPP) Program

****NEW FOR 2021/22 - BUSINESS SHSM DESIGNATION****

WIPP is hosted at Hill Park Learning Centre but welcomes students from anywhere within Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board.

Program Overview

- This is an experiential learning program with a goal of preparing students for, and connecting students with, employment opportunities (such opportunities may be paid, but this is not guaranteed).
- Students may earn up to four (4) elective credits (i.e. HIP401, GPP301, DC0301, cooperative education).
- Students also have the opportunity to earn certain compulsory credits (focus on English), one at a time, but no limit to total number – making it possible for students to earn more than four (4) credits in a semester, as per their Student Action Plans.
- Established paid employment may be considered for cooperative education credit.
- Maximum of twenty (20) positions available each semester, so apply early!
- Students must be 16-20 years old.
- No credit minimum, but priority status to those with 20+ before entering the program.
- Learning opportunities are delivered through a combination of in-class and remote lessons, and independent experiences in the community.
- In-class lessons take place at Hill Park Learning Centre and remote learning is delivered online via MS Teams on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm; schedule may vary from week to week in response to student need and availability.
- Provided that student employment is approved by the teacher and appropriate documentation is in place, students may attend their workplaces during and outside of this class time, without it negatively impacting attendance.
- Cost of transportation (HSR) to school or work is covered if students live more than 3.2 kms from the site.
- Students remain registered at their home schools, and are cross-enrolled in WIPP courses at Glendale.
- Acceptance is granted one semester at a time, but students who are successful in their first semester may be considered for a second semester.
- Interviews are required before students are accepted into the program.
- Students must be 100% dedicated to making a change in their high school careers, and being active participants in that change!
- Regular attendance is mandatory: a pattern of attendance issues may result in removal from the program and a return to the home school.

Applications are due by May 1st for Semester 1 and December 1st for Semester 2 but will continue to be accepted until spots are filled or the session is too far underway.