

Pathway Programs

Program Committee

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HWDSB Secondary Program Strategy

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ALL STUDENTS ACHIEVING THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

All HWDSB secondary schools offer students “a wide range of course and experiential learning opportunities” as well as “engaging programs and the ability to access what students need to graduate.”

- All secondary schools are great schools.
- Students will have choice within their home schools.
- Expanded access for students for specialized programs.
- All students achieving and graduating in HWDSB.

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Pathways Program:

- Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)
- Dual Credit
- Cooperative Education
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)
- Pathways Programs



4 Key Strategies

1. Identify and change practices that limit opportunities and stream students.
2. Remove barriers to access, especially for students from currently or historically underserved communities.
3. Create experiential learning opportunities connected to pathways in elementary school.
4. Create and sustain community partnerships to create opportunities for students.

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Shifting to process over events

- School-based, local work rather than system events

Working with three key audiences

- Grades 7-8 needing information about grades 9-12 and post-secondary
- Grades 9-10 needing information about grades 11-12 and post-secondary
- Grades 11-12 needing information about post-secondary

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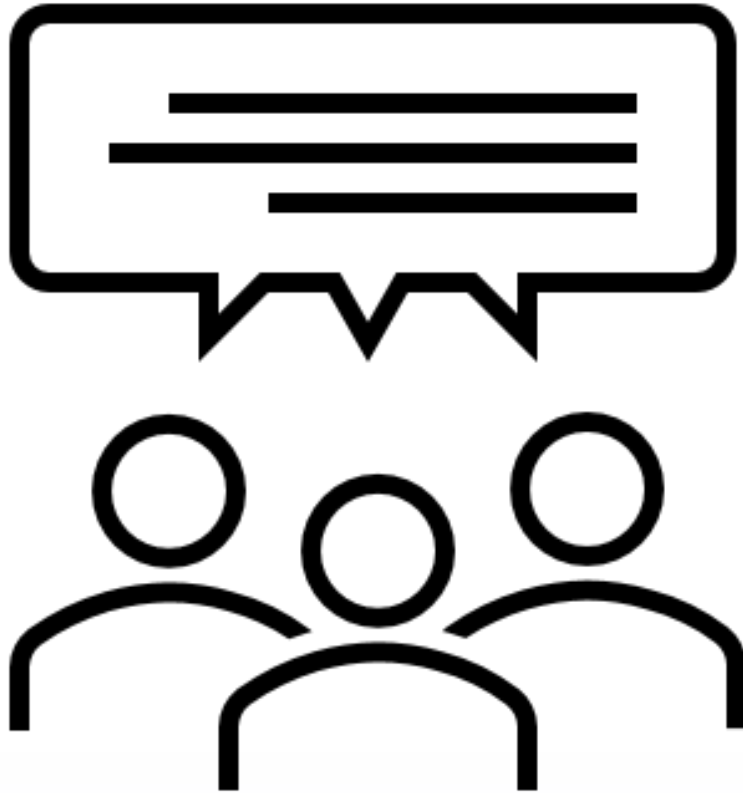
In 2023-24, the Program Division will:

- Establish a steering committee to assess readiness, identify needs (staffing, equipment, resources, etc.) and plan for implementation for the new Technological Education graduation requirement.
- Continue to support students and families to make course selection and pathways choices that leave students with the greatest possible post-secondary choices and opportunities.
- Continue to expand pathways programs, including:

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School-based Coop

System - Coordinated Coop Placements

System - Specialized Coop Programs

- Health Care Program
- Building Careers from the Ground Up
- Work in Progress Program
- ArtSmart
- Early College Graduation Program



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There are 4 formats to Dual Credits:

- Mohawk College Campus Sites
- College instructor in HWDSB secondary schools
- Online
- Level 1 Apprenticeship Training



Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

- Start registered apprenticeship while working toward Secondary school graduation
- Accelerated OYAP- Level 1
- Ministry Priority
- Skilled Trades Bursary (\$1000/student)



Each SHSM consists of five required components:

- Bundle of credits
- Certification and training experiences
- Experiential learning and career exploration activities
- Reach ahead experiences
- Sector-partnered experiences





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