

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS POLICY
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Liberty High School Specialized Programs Policy

I. Introduction

Aligned with Ontario's educational standards, Liberty High School's Specialized Programs Policy provides comprehensive, sector-specific learning opportunities. This policy covers the Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM), apprenticeship programs, and Advanced Placement (AP) courses, all designed to offer students tailored educational experiences that align with their career goals and academic interests.

II. Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM)

Focused Specialization: SHSM programs allow students in Grades 11 and 12 to specialize in sectors like Business, Health and Wellness, Arts and Culture, Information Technology, among others, while completing their OSSD.

Comprehensive Curriculum: Includes sector-specific coursework, experiential learning opportunities like co-op placements, and industry-recognized certifications (e.g., first aid, CPR).

Post-Secondary Preparation: Prepares students for various post-secondary pathways, including apprenticeships, college, university, or direct entry into the workforce.

III. Apprenticeship Programs

Hands-On Training: Offers pathways for students to engage in apprenticeship training, combining practical job training with classroom instruction.

Collaborations and Support: Establishes partnerships with local businesses and trade organizations to provide students with valuable, hands-on experiences in skilled trades.

Guided Pathways: Offers comprehensive guidance to students in choosing and pursuing suitable apprenticeship programs.

IV. Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

College-Level Curriculum: AP courses provide students with the opportunity to undertake college-level studies in various subjects while in high school.

Advanced Credits: Successful completion of AP exams can lead to advanced standing or credit at many universities and colleges.

Skill Enhancement: AP courses are designed to challenge students and enhance their analytical, writing, and problem-solving skills.

V. Implementation and Accessibility

Informed Choices: Information sessions and counseling are provided to students and parents to aid in the decision-making process regarding specialized program enrollment.

Open Access: Ensures that all students, regardless of their background, have access to these specialized programs.

VI. Compliance and Continuous Improvement

Provincial Standards Adherence: All programs comply with the standards and requirements of the Ontario Ministry of Education.

Program Evaluation: Regular assessment and updates are made to ensure the programs meet student needs and reflect current industry and educational trends.

VII. Roles and Responsibilities

Program Coordinators: Manage program administration, liaise with partners, and support students in SHSM, apprenticeship, and AP courses.

Educational Staff: Identify potential candidates and provide academic and career guidance related to these specialized programs.

Students: Dedicate themselves to fulfilling the requirements of their chosen specialized program, including all related coursework and experiential learning components.

Liberty High School's Specialized Programs Policy, encompassing SHSM, apprenticeship, and AP courses, reflects our commitment to providing diverse and enriched educational pathways. These programs are instrumental in equipping students with the skills, knowledge, and experiences necessary for success in their future educational and professional endeavors.