



Iona Catholic Secondary School
Arts and Culture
Specialist High Skills Major
APPLICATION

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a ministry approved specialized program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while meeting the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and assists in their transition from secondary school to apprenticeship training, college, university, or the workplace.

Pursuing the Arts and Culture Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) enables students to gain sector-specific skills and knowledge in the context of engaging, career-related learning environments and helps them focus on graduation and on pursuing their postsecondary goals.

Every SHSM must include the following components:

- a bundle of 8 Grade 11 and Grade 12 credits that include 4 in Arts and Culture, 1 English, 1 Business/Canadian and World Studies and 2 in Cooperative Education
- sector-recognized certifications and/or training courses that include standard first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) level A and Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)
- experiential learning activities within the sector
- “reach ahead” experiences connected with the student’s chosen postsecondary pathway
- development of key Essential Skills and work habits required in the sector, and the use of the Ontario Skills Passport (OSP)

Please sign the form below indicating your knowledge of this opportunity and that your son/daughter will be participating in the Arts and Culture Specialist High Skills Major Program.

I acknowledge and agree to have my son/daughter part of the Arts and Culture Specialist High Skills Major Program.

Student Name _____ Current Grade _____

Arts & Culture discipline: Dance Drama Instrument Music Vocal Visual Art

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____