



# Specialist High Skills Major: “Let’s Talk SHSM”

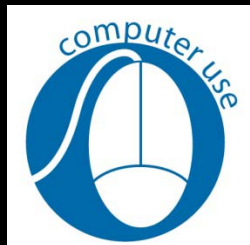
## Parent Forum

January 2012

**Presented By:**

**The York Region District School Board Pathways Team**

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# Essential Skills for the 21st Century Learner

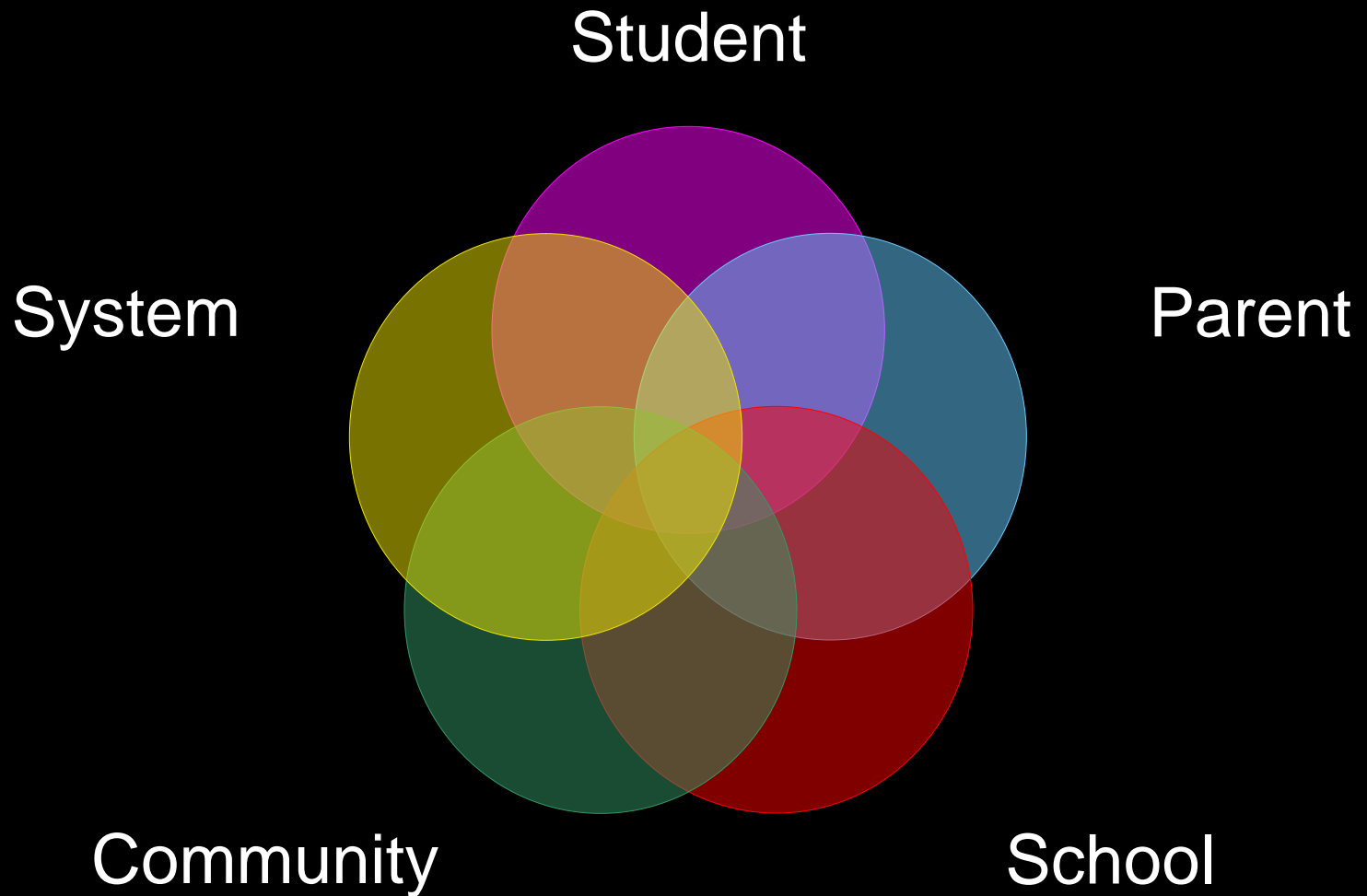
# The Big Picture





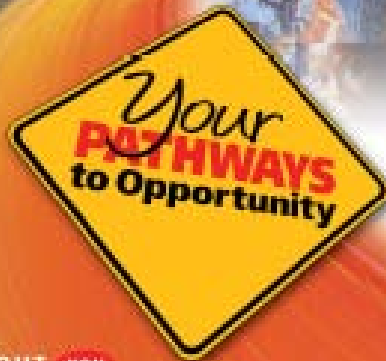


# WHO NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT SHSM?





**S**PECIALIST  
**H**IGH  
**S**KILLS  
**M**AJOR  
PROGRAMS



IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU  
AND WHERE YOU WANT TO GO!  
SHSM CAN GET YOU THERE!

An SHSM program allows students to focus and contextualise their learning in a particular economic sector.



SHSM programs prepare students for their chosen post-secondary destination.

SHSM IS FOR YOU

# The Five Required Components

4 Major Courses,  
2 Co-op Credits,  
Related Courses with  
Contextualised  
Content

In grades 11 and 12 including  
4 "co-op" credits in health and

First Aid, CPR,  
WHMIS, and more....

Job Shadowing,  
Job Twinning,  
Work Experience

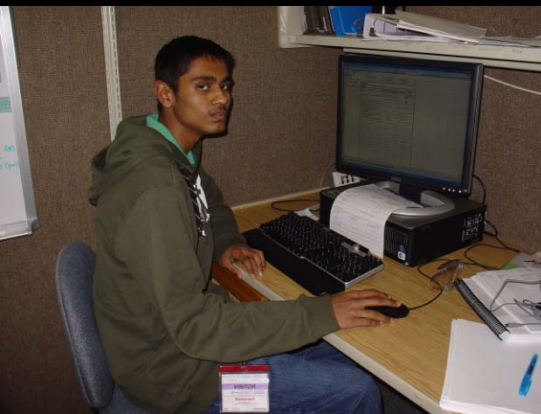
Dual Credits,  
University Visits,  
YRDSB Skills  
Competitions,  
Accelerated OYAP,  
Fast Track

Thinking, Problem  
Solving, Computer Use,  
Numeracy...

- a bundle of eight to ten Grade 11 and Grade 12 credits;
- sector recognised certifications and training courses;
- experiential learning activities within the sector;
- “reach ahead” experiences in the student’s post-secondary destination of choice;
- use of the Ontario Skills Passport (OSP) to document development of Essential Skills and work habits.



# Students Engaged in Learning!



# 2010-2011 Credit Attainment for SHSM Students



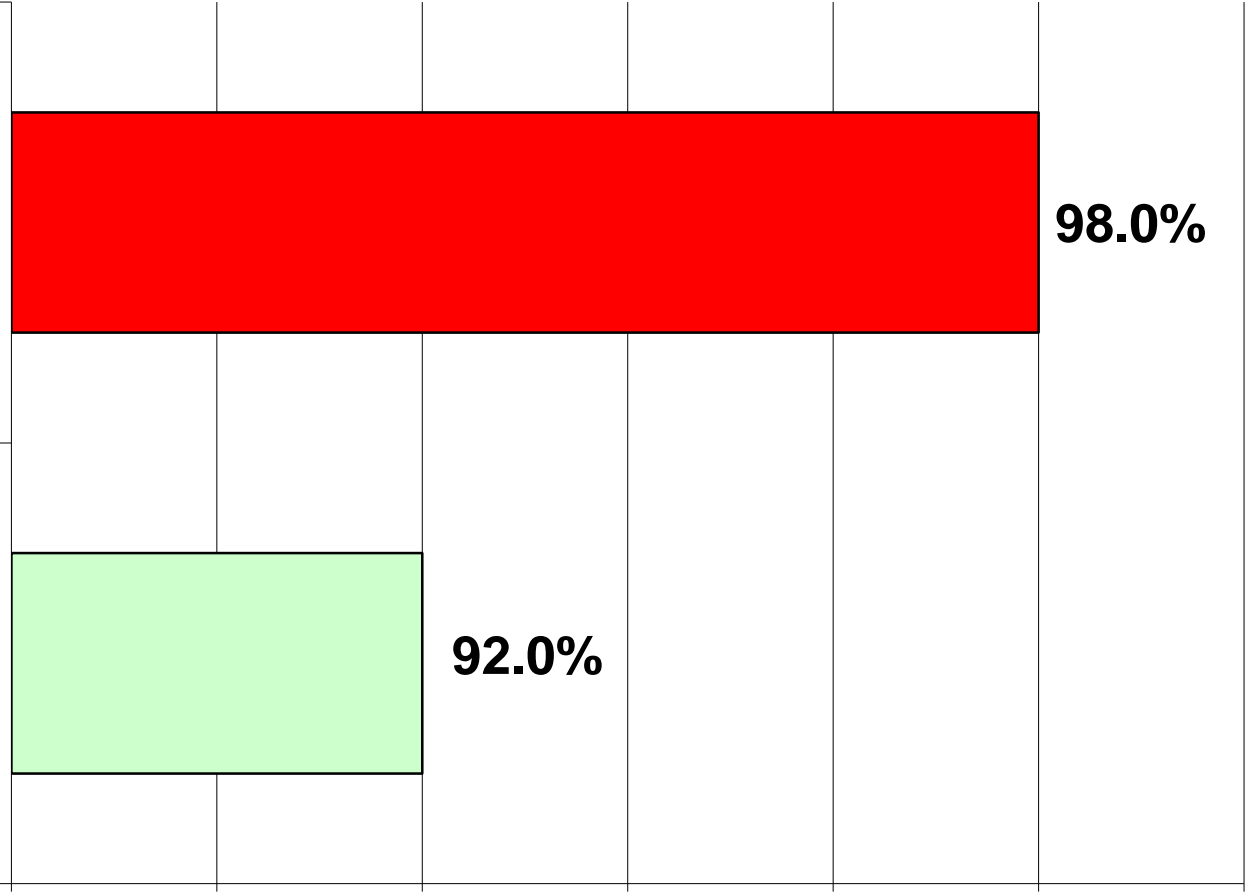
**York Region DSB  
Credit Attainment  
Rate**

**98.0%**

**Provincial Credit  
Attainment Rate**

**92.0%**

88.0% 90.0% 92.0% 94.0% 96.0% 98.0% 100.0%



# YRDSB Offers SHSMs in 10 Economic Sectors

Arts &  
Culture

Business

Construction

Environment

Health &  
Wellness

Hospitality &  
Tourism

Information &  
Communications  
Technology

Manufacturing

Sports

Transportation

The central graphic features the SHSM logo at the top, which includes the text 'SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR' above the large letters 'SHSM'. Below this, the text 'SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR' is stacked vertically on the left, with 'Policy and Implementation' to its right. At the bottom of the graphic is a silhouette of a group of graduates in caps and gowns, some with their arms raised. The entire graphic is set against a white background with purple accents at the top and bottom.

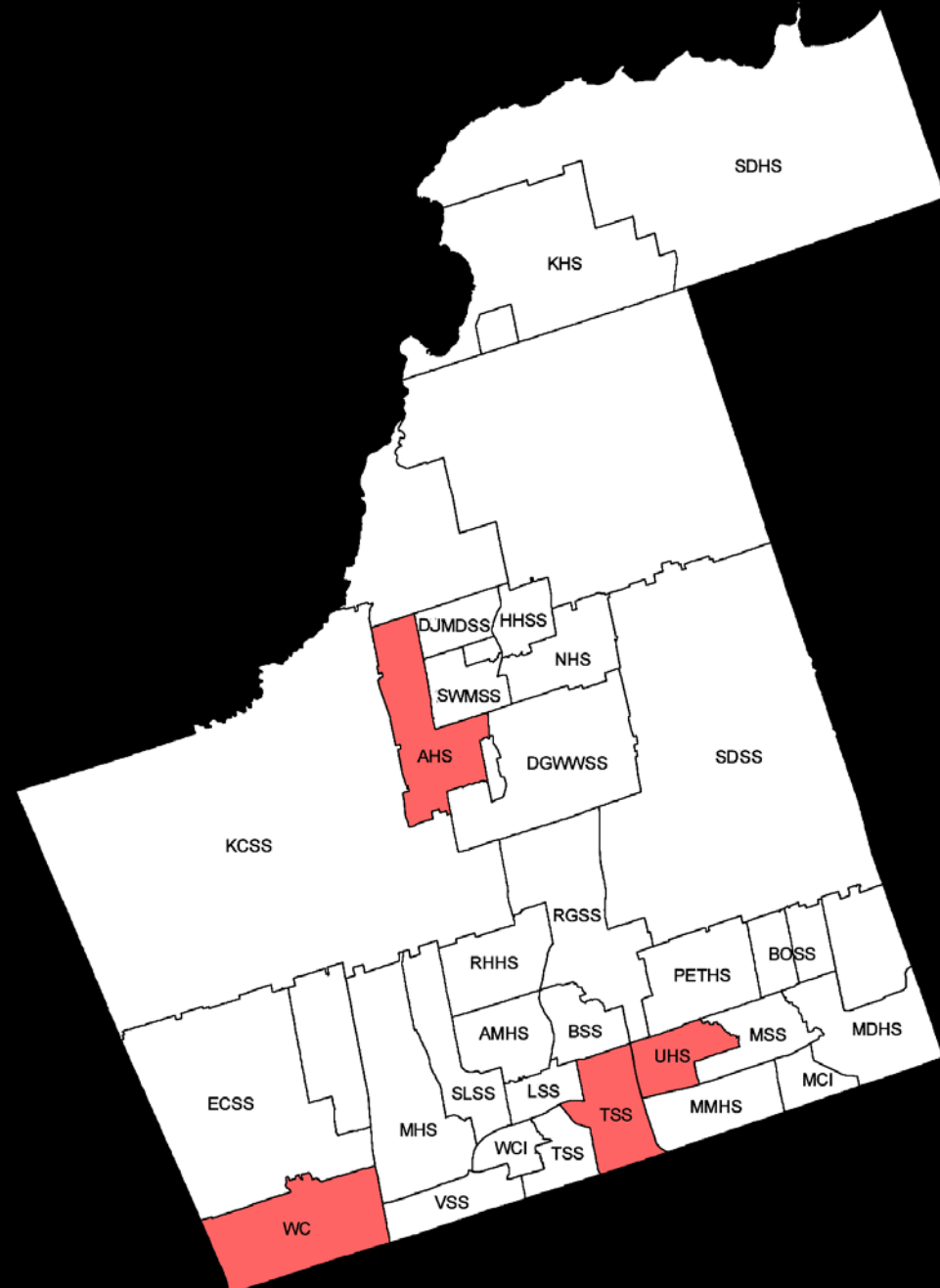
SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

Policy and Implementation

reach every student

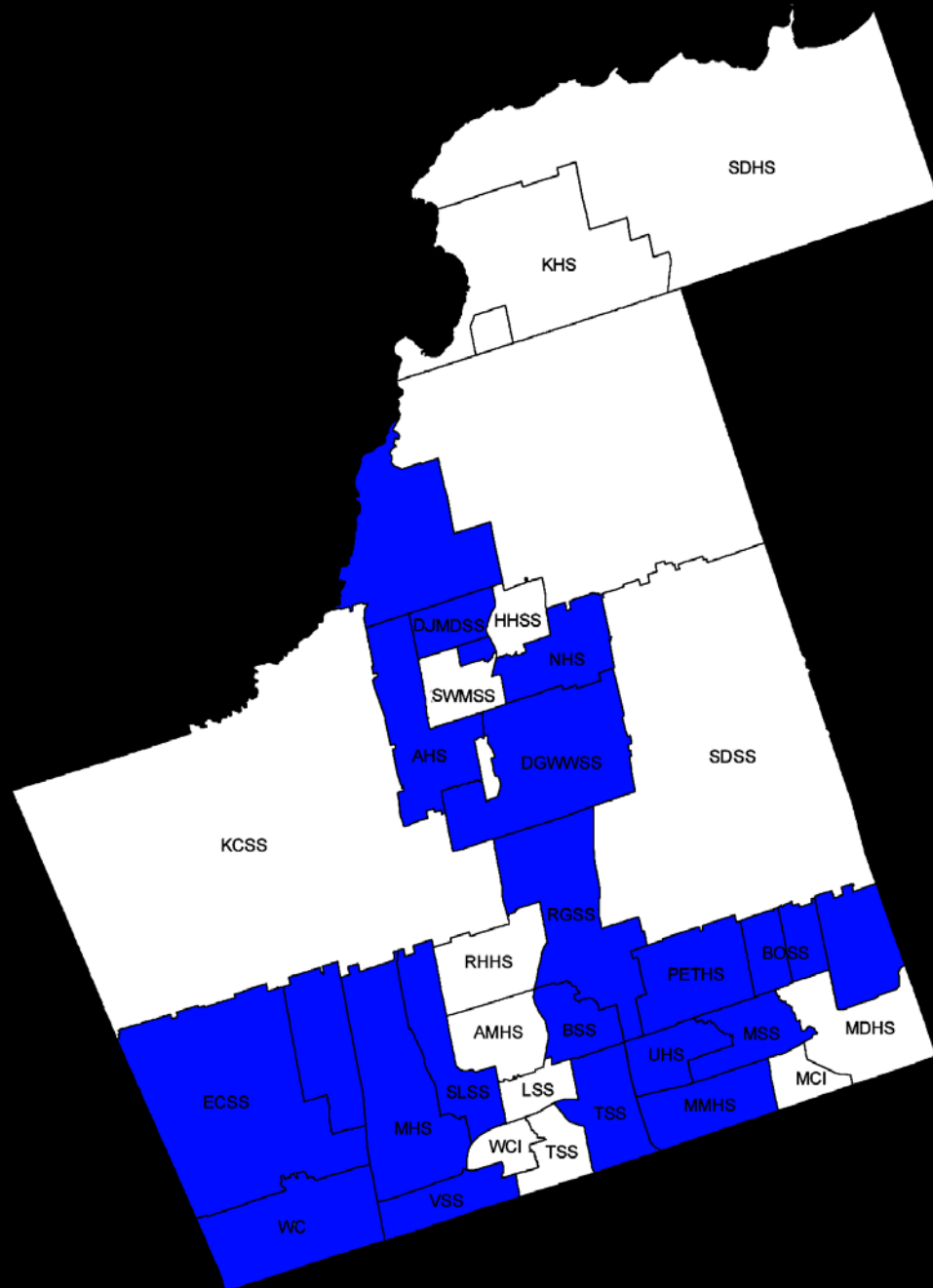
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# Arts & Culture 2012 - 2013



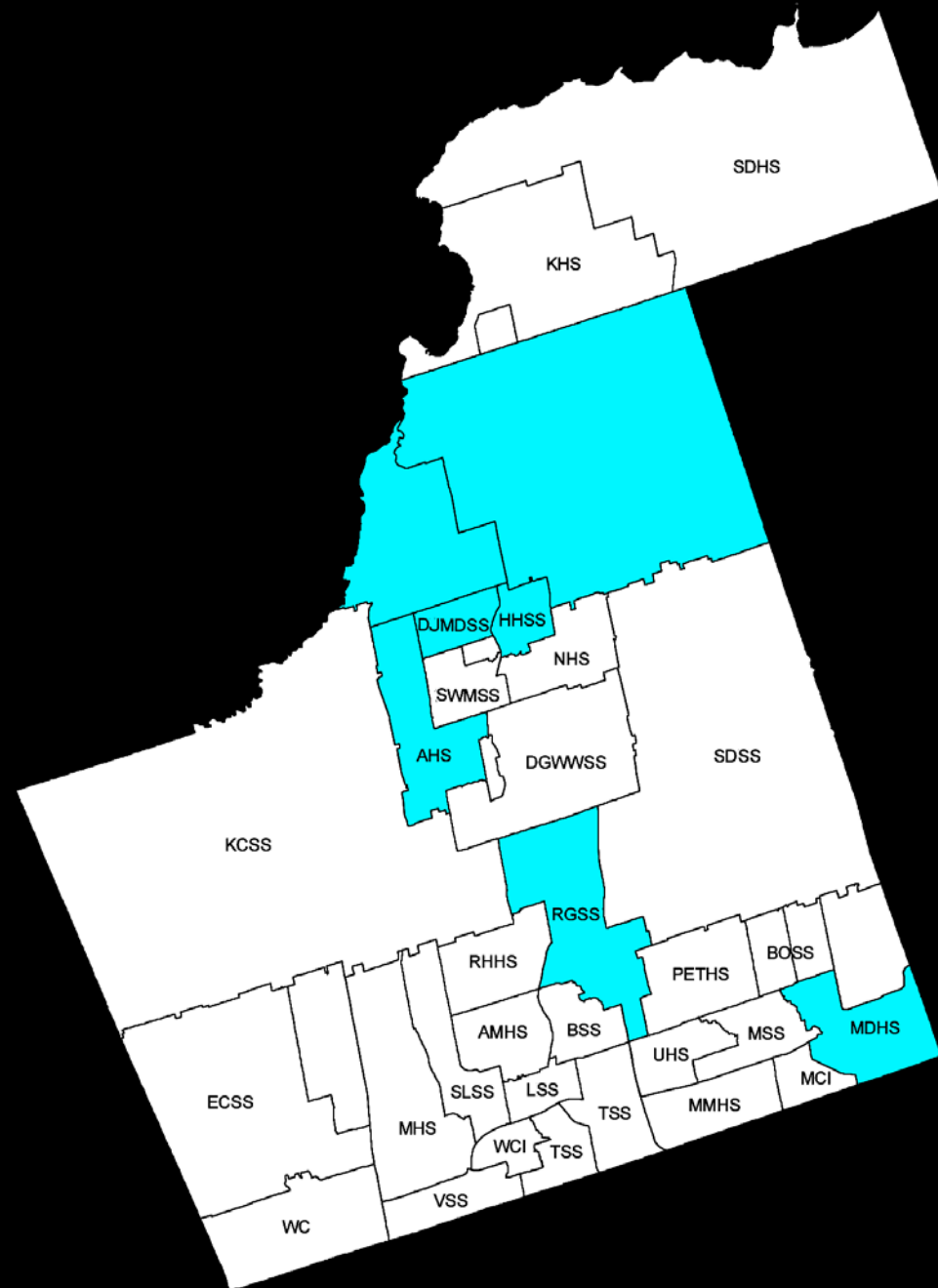
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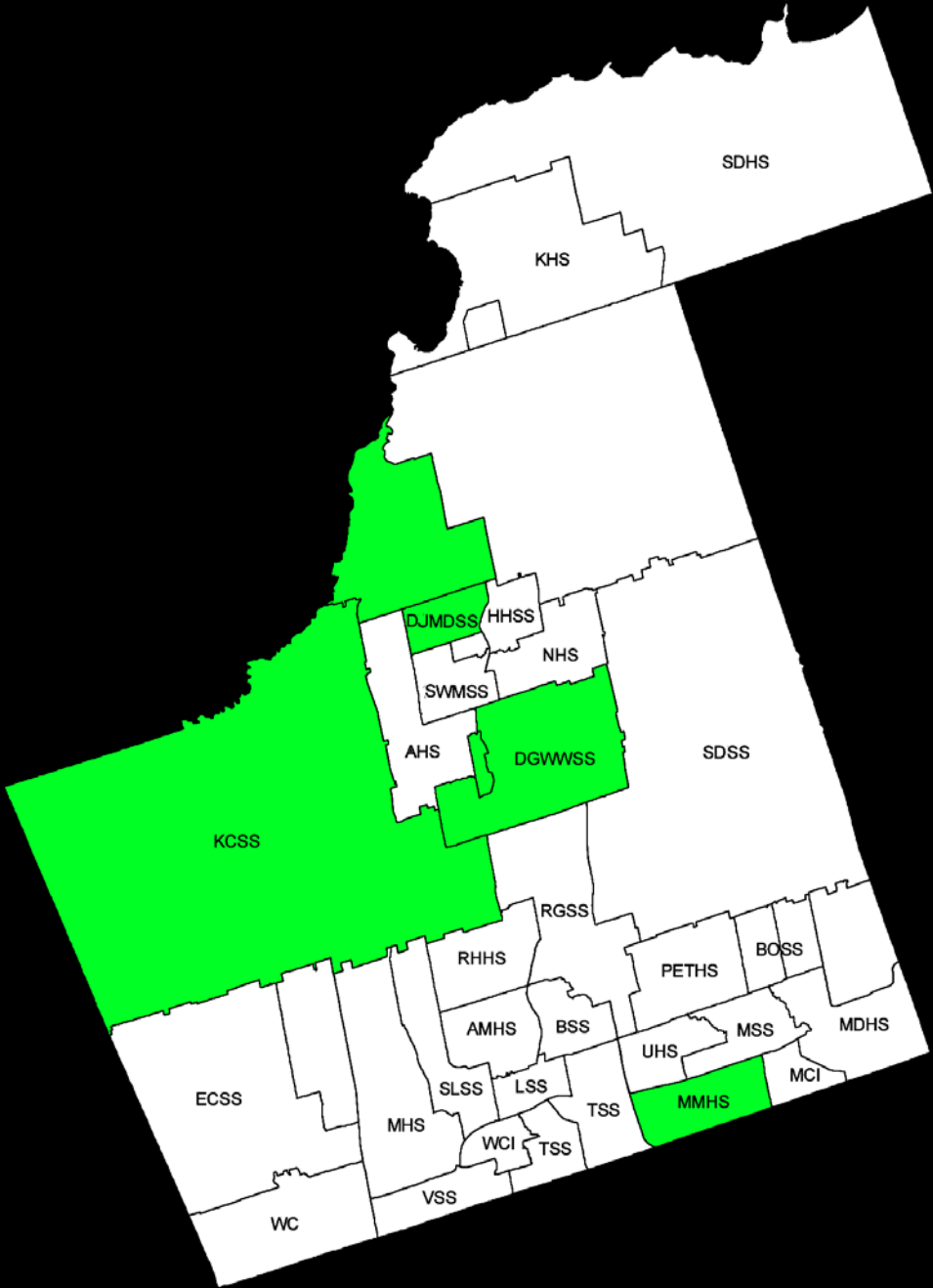
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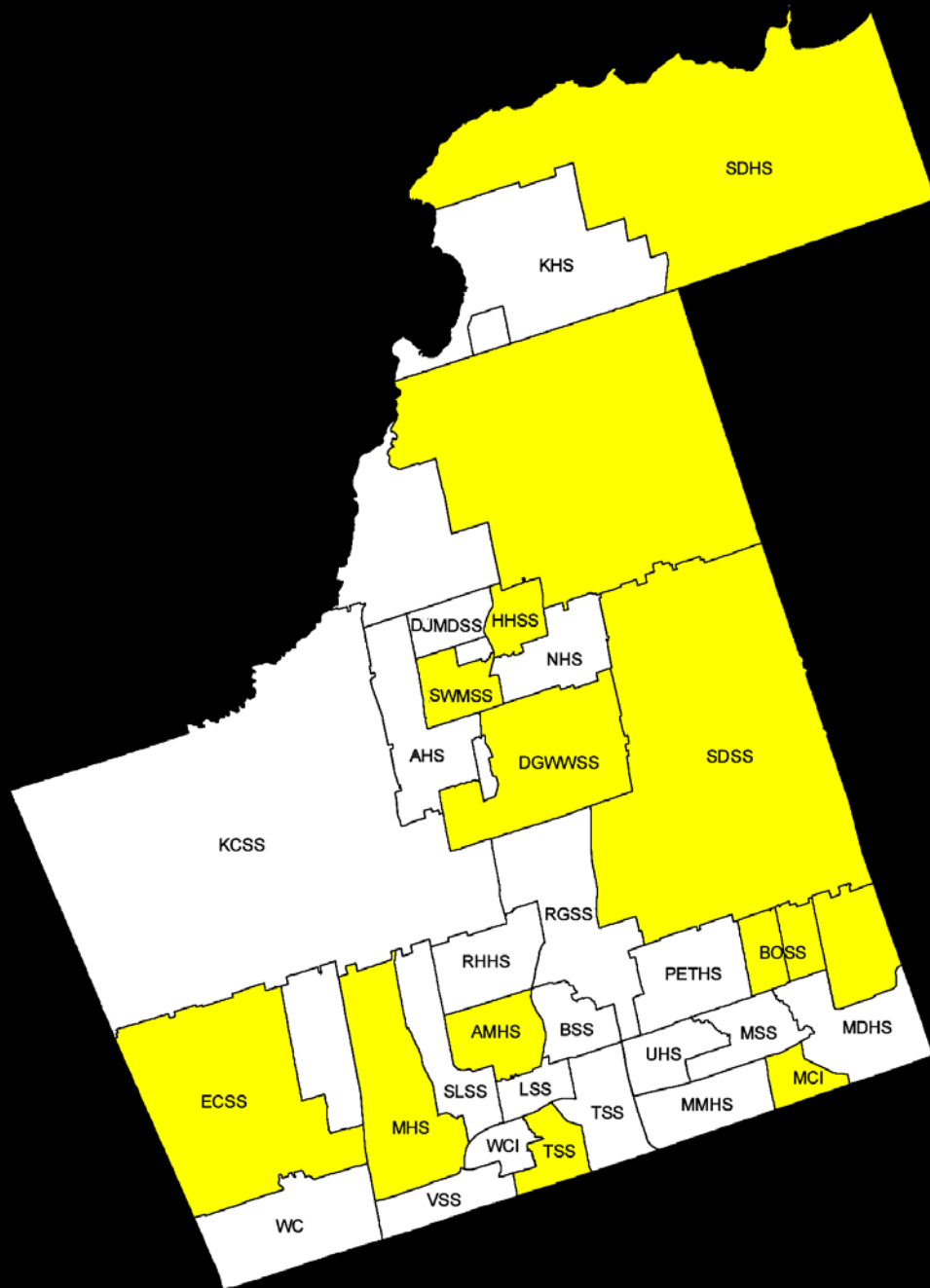
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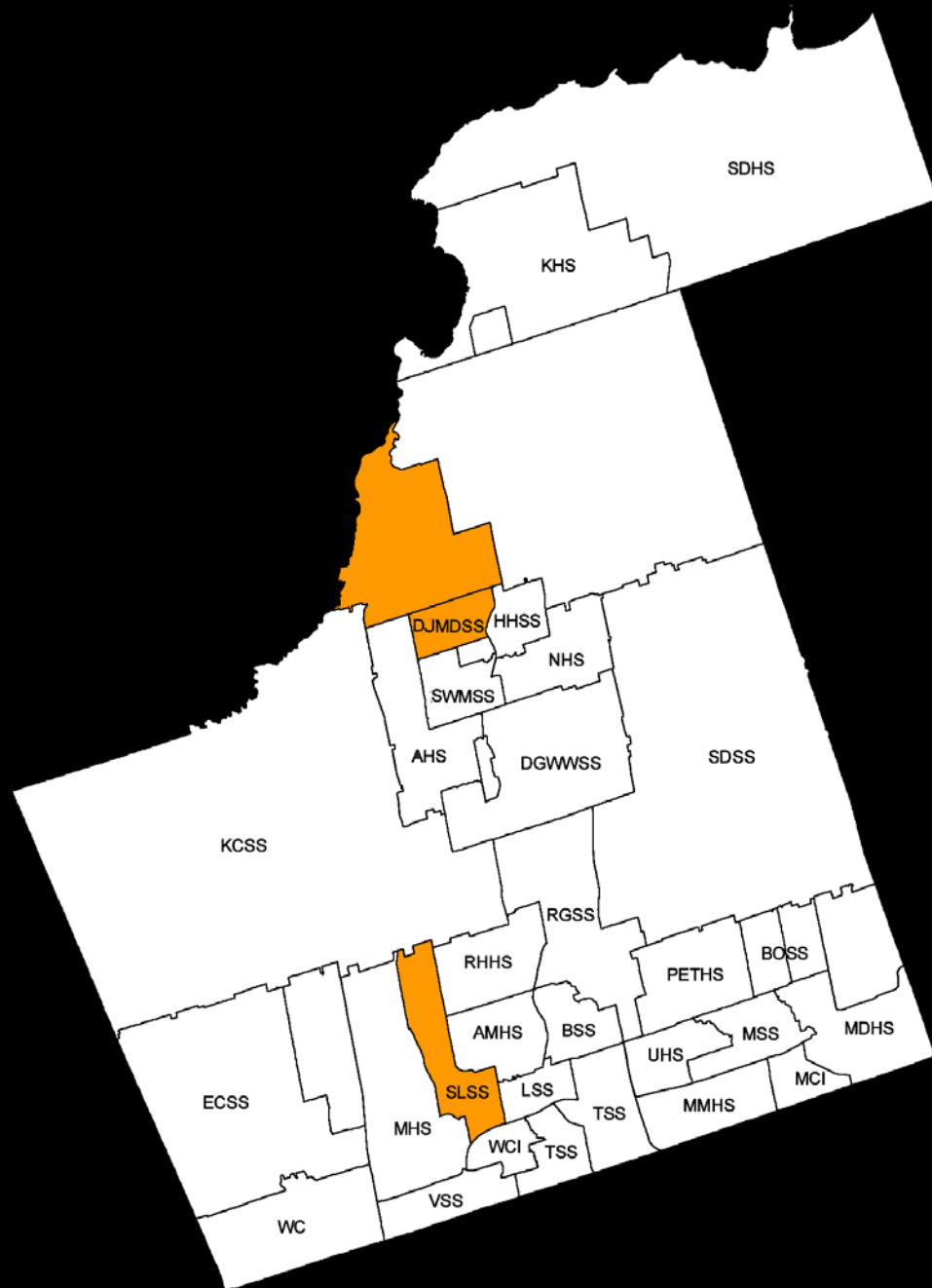
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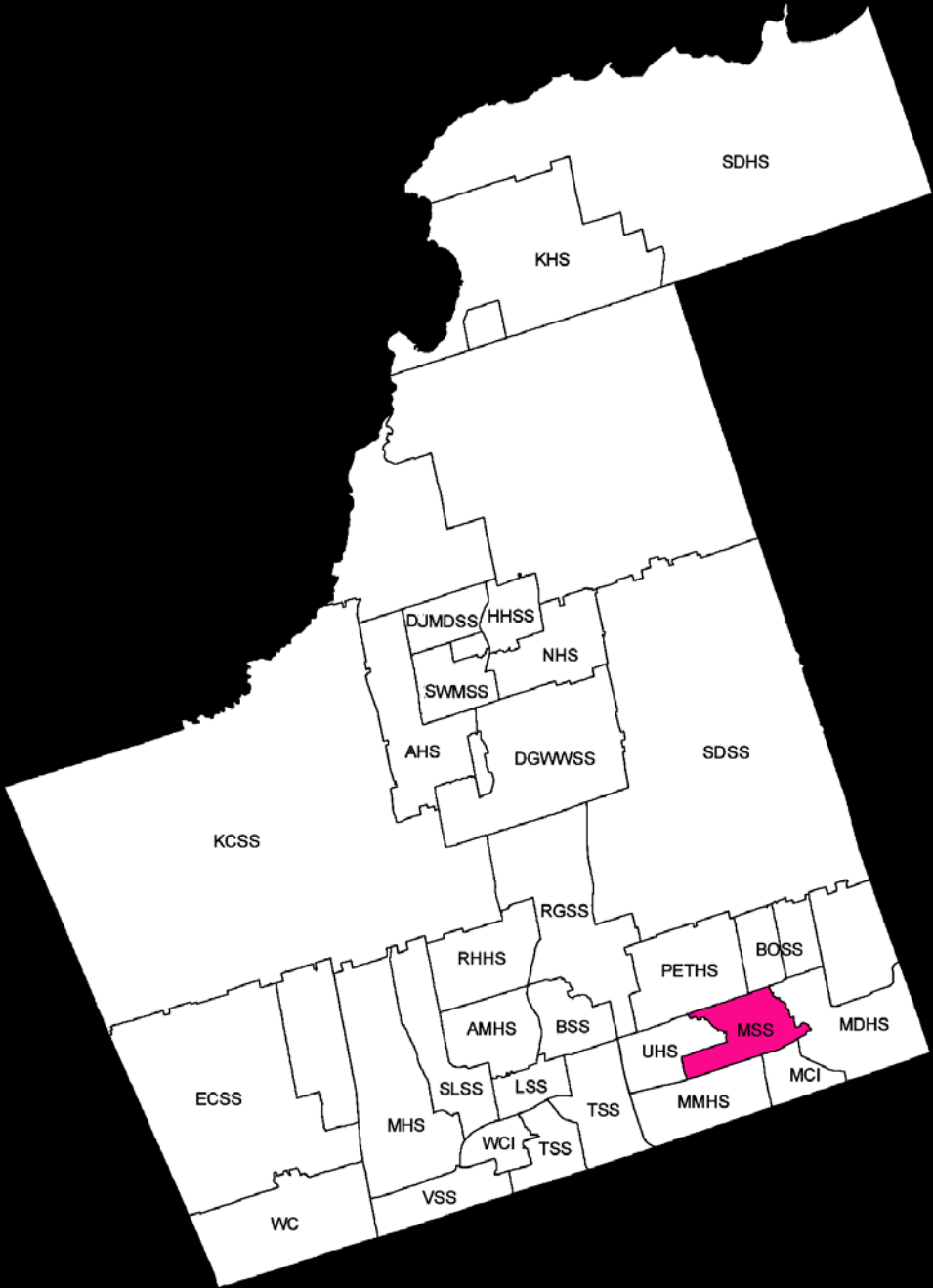


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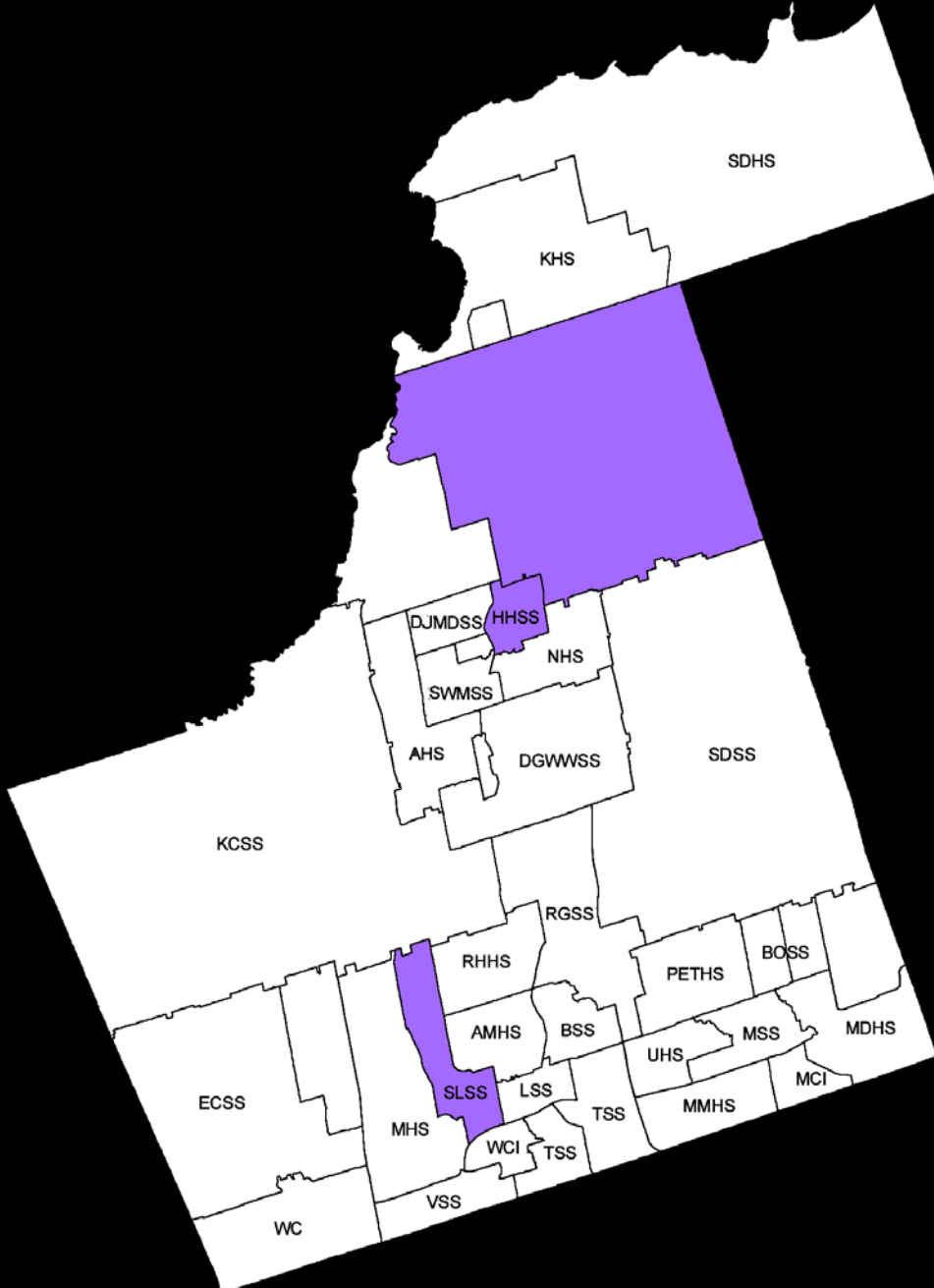
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# Information & Communications Technology 2012 - 2013

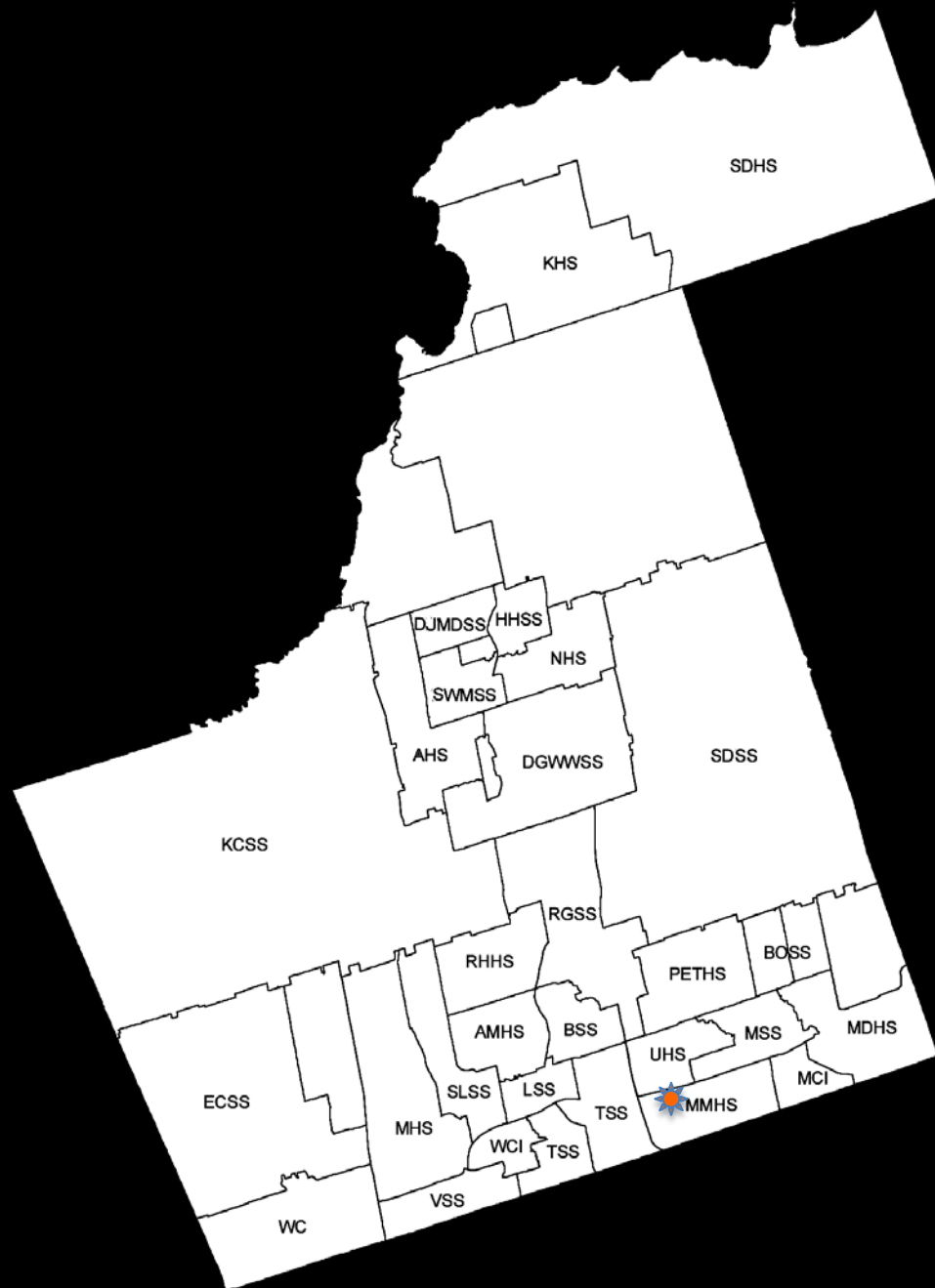


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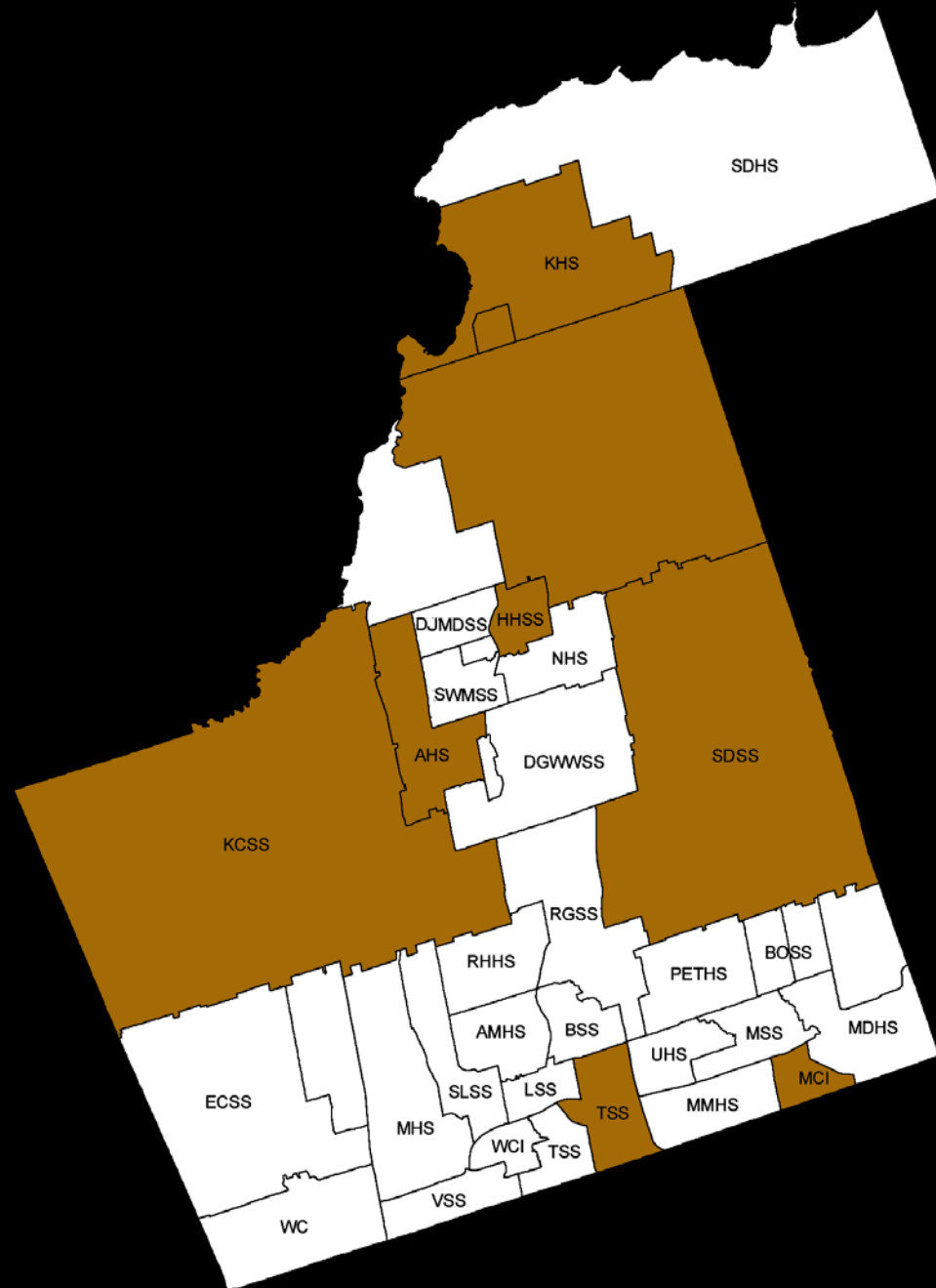
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# Sports 2012 - 2013



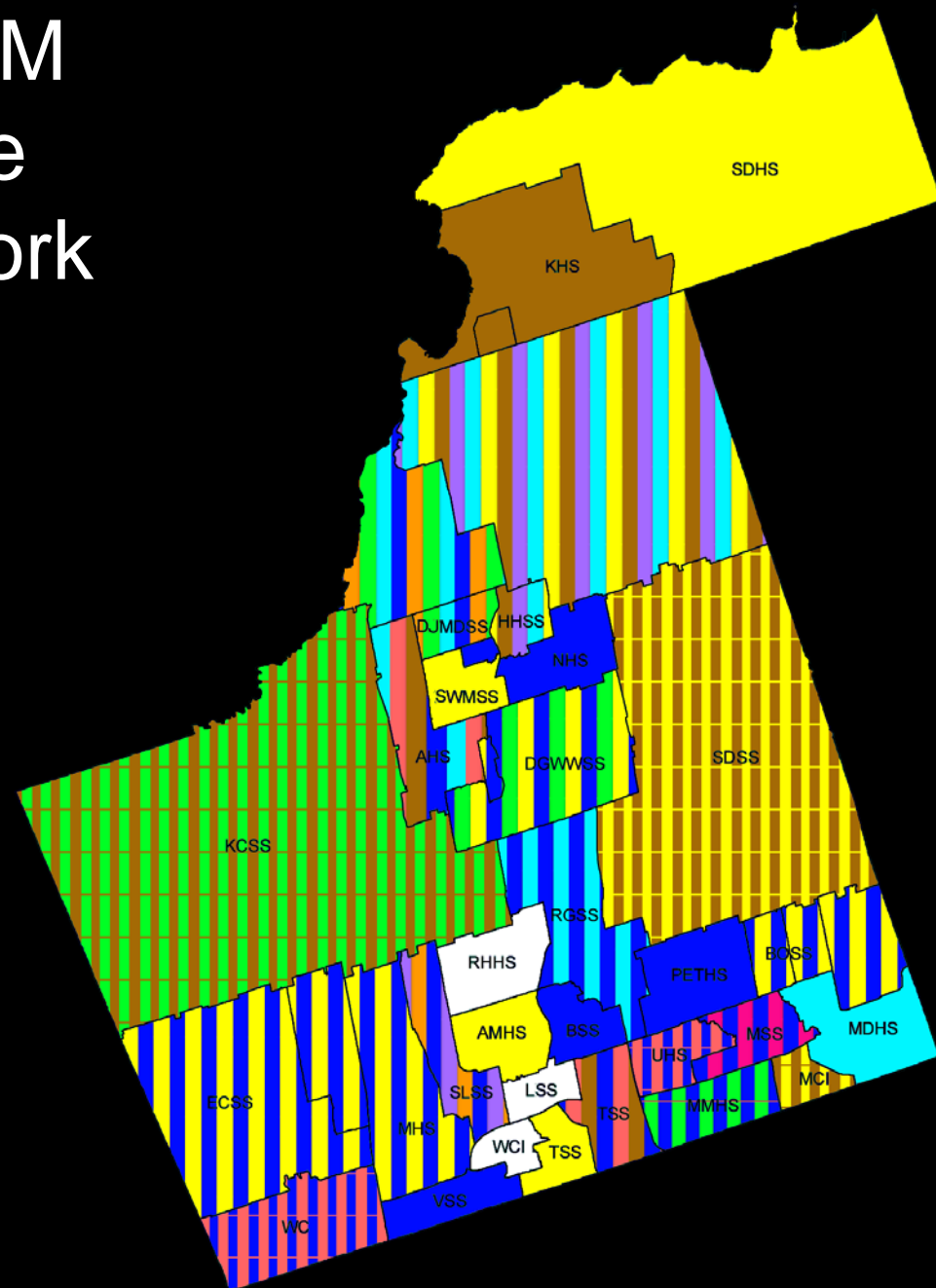
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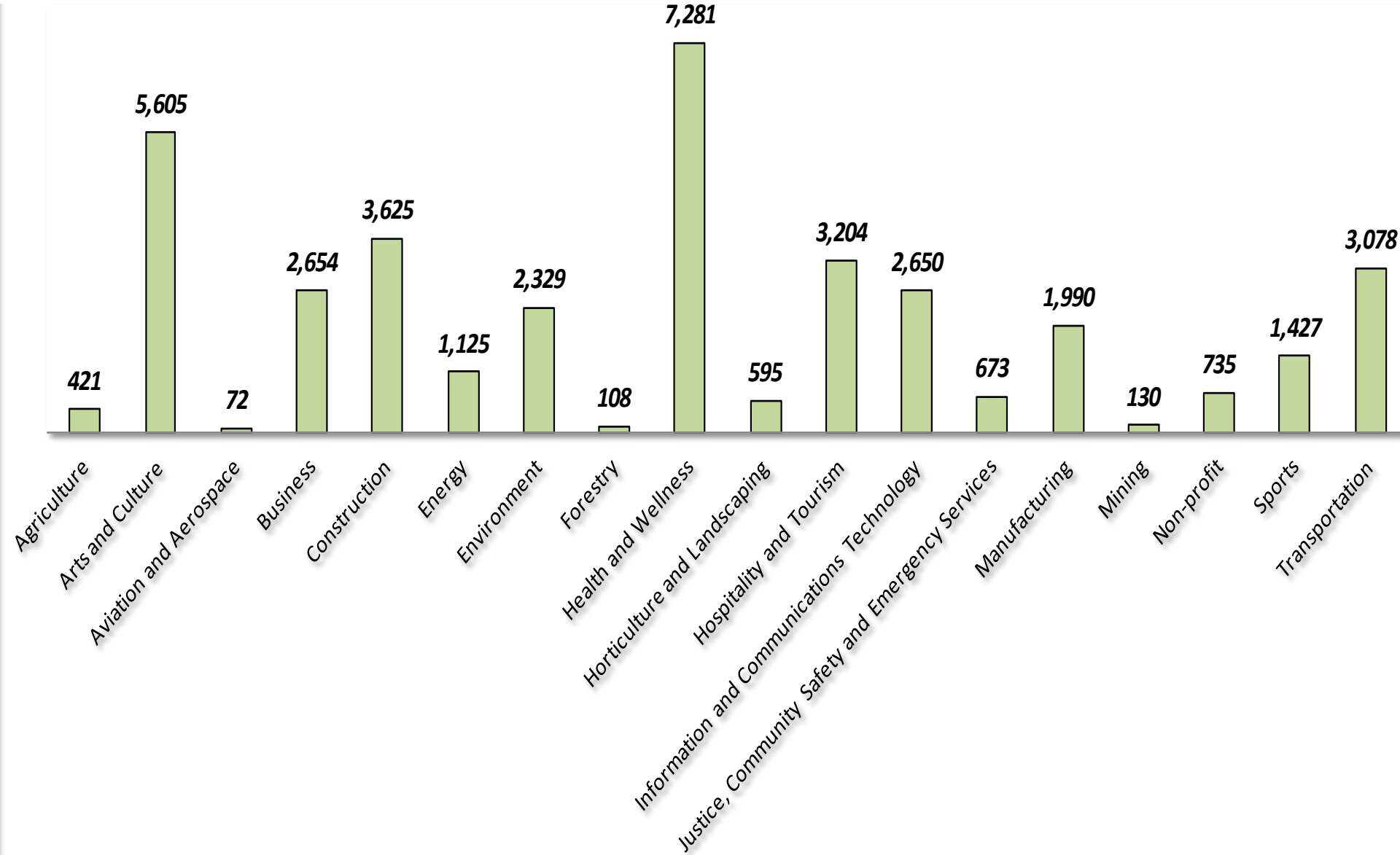


# A Variety of SHSM Programs will be Offered Across York Region in 2012 -2013



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# SHSM Provincial Footprint: Number of Students in Each Sector





# Every Pathway is Unique!

- Each student creates their own pathway
- Pathways are flexible and provide students with opportunities to explore multiple post secondary destinations
- There are multiple career opportunities for students within each post secondary destination



# Transition Planning

## How to plan for SHSM

Encourage your son or daughter to plan ahead by...

**S**PECIALIST **H**IGH **S**KILLS **M**AJOR PROGRAMS

### GRADE 8

Investigating their interests and passions inside and outside of school.

Thinking about what they are good at.

Chatting with friends and family members about jobs they do.

Attending grade 8 Information Nights to consult with teachers and counsellors.

### GRADE 9

Enrolling in courses that align interests, skills, and academic abilities.

Considering courses that will broaden their experiences.

Discussing program options with teachers.

Consulting with guidance counsellors to ensure they have pre-requisite courses.

### GRADE 10

Continuing exploration in Career Studies course.

Focusing on what they want to try rather than puzzling over what they want to be.

Checking out career exploration websites.

Beginning SHSM application process.

Planning early will allow students to...

### GRADE 11

Begin SHSM programming.

Select appropriate grade 12 SHSM courses.

### GRADE 12

Complete SHSM requirements.

Apply for post-secondary opportunities.

Achieve OSSD & Red Seal designation



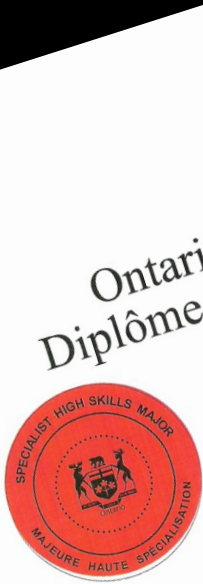
For more information, please contact the guidance or co-op department in your local high school.

[www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

Your **PATHWAYS** to Opportunity



# SHSM Recognition



## Ontario Secondary School Diploma Diplôme d'études secondaires de l'Ontario



This Diploma is granted to  
Ce diplôme est décerné à  
**Jane Smith**  
a student of  
élève de

**ABC Secondary School**  
Ontario Secondary School  
Diplôme d'études secondaires de l'Ontario

who has fulfilled the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma  
in accordance with the provisions of the Ministry of Education  
qui a rempli les exigences prescrites pour l'obtention du diplôme d'études  
en vertu des dispositions du ministère de l'Éducation

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cc **20th** day of /  
jour de **October 1, 2007**

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## SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR RECORD RELEVÉ DE LA MAJEURE HAUTE SPÉCIALISATION

Surname / Nom: **Sample**  
Given Names / Prénoms: **Naomi**  
School / École: **VIP Collegiate Institute**  
Specialist High Skills Major in / Majeure haute spécialisation en: **Construction**

OEN / NISO: **123456789**  
Date of Issue / Date de délivrance: **June 25, 2007**

This record summarizes the requirements met by this student for the above Specialist High Skills Major, earned as part of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. (See reverse for further details.) / Le présent relevé fait état des exigences satisfaites par l'élève relativement à la majeure précitée, décernée dans le cadre du diplôme d'études secondaires de l'Ontario. (Voir au verso pour de plus amples renseignements.)

### Specialist High Skills Major credits earned Crédits octroyés dans le cadre de la majeure haute spécialisation

Course / Cours/Niveau	Credits / Crédits	Date completed / Date d'achèvement	Year / Année	Month / Mois	Mark
English					
Construction Technology					
College and Apprenticeship Mathematics					
Construction Technology - Cooperative Education					
English					
Construction Technology - Cooperative Education					
Mathematics for College Technology					
11	2.00	2006		2	
11	1.00	2006		6	
11	1.00	2006		6	
11	1.00	2006		6	
12	2.00	2007		7	
12	1.00	2007		2	
12	1.00	2007		2	
12	2.00	2007		6	
12	1.00	2007		6	

### Certifications/Training completed for Specialist High Skills Major Certifications/formations accordées dans le cadre de la majeure haute spécialisation

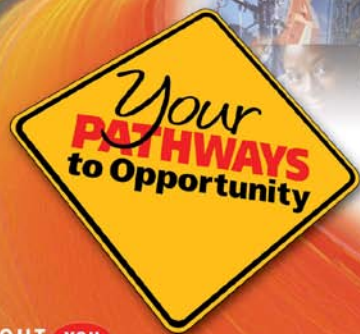
Certification/Formation	Date completed / Date d'achèvement	Year / Année	Month / Mois	Mark
Construction Safety Association of Ontario Health & Safety (CSAO) - Basic		2006	9	
Standard First Aid		2006	10	
Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)		2006	11	
First Aid		2006	7	
Energy Star Certification Program		2006	10	
Traffic Control		2007	3	
Elevating Work Platforms		2007	3	

- This student has met the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.  
L'élève a satisfait aux conditions d'obtention du diplôme d'études secondaires de l'Ontario.
- This student has completed "Reach Ahead" activities / L'élève a terminé les activités d'anticipation and / et
- has used the Ontario Skills Passport to document his/her demonstration of essential skills and work habits. / a consigné la démonstration des compétences essentielles et des habitudes de travail à l'aide du Passeport-compétences de l'Ontario.

The collection and maintenance of this information are authorized under the Education Act, R.S.O., 1990, c.E.2, s.269. Users of this information are supervisory officers and the principal and teachers of the school. This is the official record of the student's completion of the Specialist High Skills Major. The contact person regarding the collection of this information is the principal of the school. / La collecte et la conservation de ces renseignements sont autorisées par la Loi sur l'éducation, L.O.R. de 1990, c. E.2, art. 266. Les renseignements qui y sont versés sont utilisés par les agents de supervision, la direction d'école et le personnel enseignant. Le présent document constitue le relevé officiel de l'achèvement de la majeure haute spécialisation. Pour tout renseignement au sujet de la collecte de ces données, veuillez vous adresser à la direction d'école. Renvoyez au relevé de notes de l'Ontario pour le sommaire complet des cours terminés et des conditions d'obtention du diplôme satisfaites. Pour référer au relevé de notes de l'Ontario pour le sommaire complet des cours terminés et des conditions d'obtention du diplôme satisfaites. Pour

A signed copy of this document is to be filed in the student's Ontario Student Record.  
Une copie signée de ce document doit être versée au Dossier scolaire de l'Ontario.

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# Preparing Students for Success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**An SHSM enriches the student experience through:**

- **Customized** sector specific training;
- “**Reach ahead**” experiences for post-secondary destination of choice
- Exploring **new ways of learning**
- **Networking** through cooperative education programming
- Gaining sector specific **certifications**
- Aligning **individual skills, interests and abilities** with curriculum instruction
- **Engagement, motivation and direction**

# Want to Know More?

Contact your local high school guidance department.

Visit the Board website.

[www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/shsm](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/shsm)

## Additional Online Resources and Information

Ontario Skills Passport

[www.skills.edu.gov.on.ca](http://www.skills.edu.gov.on.ca)

Career Cruising

[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

Ministry of Education

[www.ontario.ca/shsm](http://www.ontario.ca/shsm)