



# GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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### COURSE SELECTION VERIFICATION — CHANGE REQUEST

The form to request a change to a student's course selections was sent out today, **Friday, April 1st**. Please check your gapps account for further instructions and to access the form.

If changes are requested, the form must be submitted no later than **Friday, April 8th at 3:00 pm**.

Once this process is closed, you will not be able to request a change to your courses until September 2022. If your child will be attending SVS next year, this process does not apply to you.

### VOLUNTEER HOURS

**Planning to graduate in June 2022?** The community involvement graduation requirement for 2021-2022 has been reduced to a minimum of **20 hours** of community involvement activities. We have many potential graduates who are missing some or all of their community involvement hours.

Volunteer forms can be picked up in the Guidance Office and/or accessed online via the yrdsb.ca website: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/migrate/files/FOR-communityinvolvement.pdf>

**NOTE:** Students who are attending school (face-to-face) are to drop off their volunteer hour forms in person to the Guidance Office.

### AGE OF CONSENT FORM

When a child turns 18, they are legally considered an adult. With this change, ALL communication from the school, regarding your child will cease, AUTOMATICALLY, unless your child has completed, signed, and returned the Age of Consent Form. **This form can be obtained from the Attendance Office.**

Failure to do so will mean that you will not receive **ANY** information from the school anymore including, but not limited to: information about your child's attendance and achievement, information about school closures, changes to the timetable or schedule, any information about Graduation (including the date and web address).

It is imperative that if your child has turned 18 or will turn 18 before the end of this school year, they need to complete the Age of Consent Form. Teachers, Administration, and the school as a whole are unable to share any information with you if this has not been completed. The completed form is to be returned to the **Main Office**.

Please visit our **NEW Guidance Google Site:**

<https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/mdhsguidance/home>



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## Summer School / Spring Dual Credit

### SUMMER SCHOOL / E-LEARNING SUMMER SCHOOL

We recognize that there is strong interest in summer school courses for 2022.

Summer school registration will take place mid to late April. More details to follow when they become available including limited space in summer co-op. Information can also be found at: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities>

Once registration opens we will share the available course options, the process for registering for courses and if necessary, the process for replacing a course in your child's course selections for next school year as a result of a summer school registration.

### REGISTRATION FOR SPRING DUAL CREDIT COURSES

**Most courses start the week of April 25th and run until the week of June 6th.**

**Most courses are 2 x / week; approx. 8 hours/week).**

**FLYER:** [www.bit.ly/YRDSBdualcreditflyer](http://www.bit.ly/YRDSBdualcreditflyer)

**APPLICATION:** [www.bit.ly/YRDSBdualcreditapp](http://www.bit.ly/YRDSBdualcreditapp)

Things to consider:

- ⇒ Semester 2 dual credit courses will ALL be offered using an ONLINE delivery model unless otherwise noted.
- ⇒ **In-Person— courses currently require students to be vaccinated as per the requirements of the college (that may change)**
- ⇒ It is **CRITICAL** that you have technology and WiFi access to complete these dual credit courses. You will need to check your gapps account regularly for information for course information.
- ⇒ While most of your course will run asynchronously, courses will have a live component that you should attend if your high school timetable allows it. These live sessions will be recorded. There will be **TWO** synchronous sessions each week.
- ⇒ You **must** log in regularly and be able to commit to the **minimum** times set out by the college instructor.

If you have additional questions about eligibility or otherwise, please book an appointment with your alpha guidance counselor.



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## Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

**APPLY TO SHSM!**

**[bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp](https://bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp)**

### What is SHSM?

Specialist High Skills Majors let students focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

### Why consider SHSM?

- ◆ Customize their secondary school education to suit their interests and skills
- ◆ Complete sector recognized certifications to build their resume
- ◆ Prepare for post-secondary opportunities
- ◆ Explore and refine their career goals
- ◆ Earn the SHSM Distinction on their OSSD
- ◆ Engage in experiential learning with like-minded peers

**MARKHAM DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL**

**6 Sectors:**  
 Arts & Culture  
 Construction  
 Health & Wellness  
 Horticulture & Landscaping  
 Non-Profit  
 Transportation

Training & Certifications	Experiential learning	Fun
Unique experiences	Amazing opportunities	Social
Career exploration	Refine career goals	Educational
Develop skills	Build your resume	Confidence

**FREE!**

### **ATTENTION GRADE 10s** (and students in grade 11 who are currently taking co-op or plan to take it in grade 12)

You may register for SHSM (if you have not already registered) and participate in the many exciting opportunities to come.

We are beginning to plan for some training this year with the hope of many in-person opportunities to return.

SHSM training and trips (when they are permitted) are engaging and educational, offering career and post-secondary exploration and experiences that strengthen their resume.

Best of all, these opportunities are **FREE** for students enrolled in the SHSM program.

### **ON-LINE "CUSTOMER SERVICE" CERTIFICATION**

- All SHSM students can complete an on-line "Customer Service" Certification **FREE** through Seneca College if not already earned.
- It is an **ELECTIVE certification** - all SHSM students can benefit from this self-directed course.
- **You will gain access to Microsoft 365 (Word, PowerPoint etc.), Adobe Cloud (Photoshop, etc.) and other software and services for FREE.**
- Registration is **now open**, and students can work asynchronously on their own time with timely support from a Seneca professor.
- **Must be completed by April 22.**      **Registration link:** <https://forms.gle/aUuT3EYEZdHfhKaV8>



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10AM - 2PM

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Toronto, ON M5J 2H5

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UofT Youth  
Summer  
Program

**STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN GRADES 10-12**

**FACULTY OF LAW - Youth Summer Program**

This is an exciting opportunity for you to gain knowledge and experience in the legal field at Canada's top university. Law YSP offers unrivaled academic programming combined with access to leading professionals and world class venues

**FACULTY OF MEDICINE - Youth Summer Program**

This is an exciting opportunity for you to gain knowledge and experience in medical sciences at Canada's top university. MED YSP offers unrivaled academic programming combined with access to leading professors and world class facilities

<https://ysp.utoronto.ca/>