

# Experience Stouffville District Secondary School

## Welcome Students and Families



# Land Acknowledgement

We would like to start by acknowledging that we are on the traditional territories of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe peoples, whose presence here continues to this day. We also would like to acknowledge this is the treaty lands of the First Nations of the Williams Treaty and thank them and other Indigenous peoples for sharing this land with us. We would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community and our partners in education.

We acknowledge this land and the people because the first step to reconciliation is recognizing the existence of Indigenous people. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action (numbers 62-63) speak to the significance of education as the key to reconciliation. A shared understanding of how our collective past brought us to where we are today will help us walk together into a better future.

# Welcome

Rose Walker  
Principal



Carolyn Albanese  
Vice-Principal



Jeff Foran  
Vice-Principal



# Experience Stouffville

- We are a semestered school:
  - 4 courses from September to January
  - 4 courses from February to June
  - classes are 75 minutes in length
  - school day: 9:20 am - 3:50 pm
  - common lunch
- Approximately 1200 students
- Grade 9 class of approximately 300+ students



# Experience Leadership



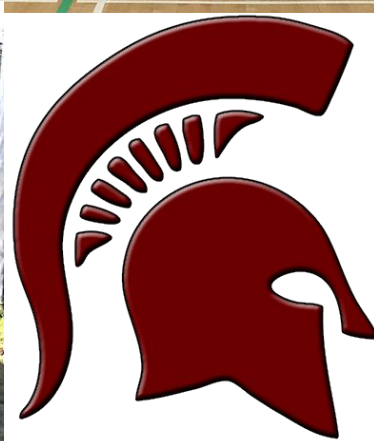
# Get Involved!

- students who are involved in school life feel a greater sense of belonging and connection to the school environment, peers and teachers
- meet new people
- experience new things
- develop new skills
- support a school-life balance





# Experience Athletics



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## Fall

Basketball—Girls  
Cross-Country  
Golf—Boys  
Golf—Girls  
Rugby 7's —Boys  
Rugby 7's—Girls  
Varsity Field  
Hockey—Girls  
Volleyball—Junior Boys  
Volleyball—Senior Boys

## Winter

Badminton—Junior  
Badminton—Senior  
Basketball—Junior Boys  
Basketball—Senior Boys  
Varsity Hockey—Boys  
Varsity Hockey—Girls  
Volleyball—Junior Girls  
Volleyball—Senior Girls

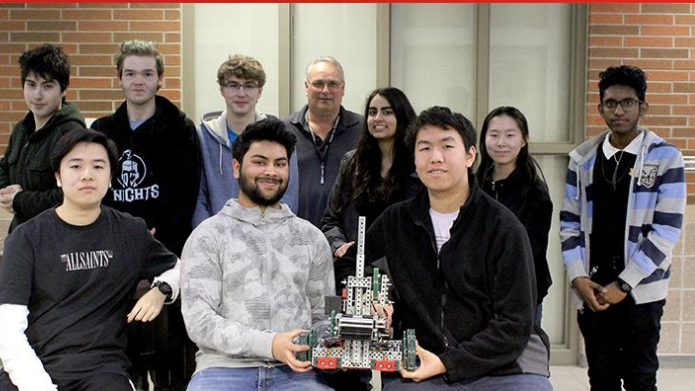
## Spring

Rugby 15's - Varsity  
Girls  
Rugby 15's - Junior Boys  
Rugby 15's - Senior  
Boys  
Varsity Soccer —Girls  
Track & Field  
Ultimate Frisbee -  
Co-ed  
Varsity Baseball—Boys  
Varsity Lacrosse—Boys  
Varsity Lacrosse—Girls





# Experience Clubs



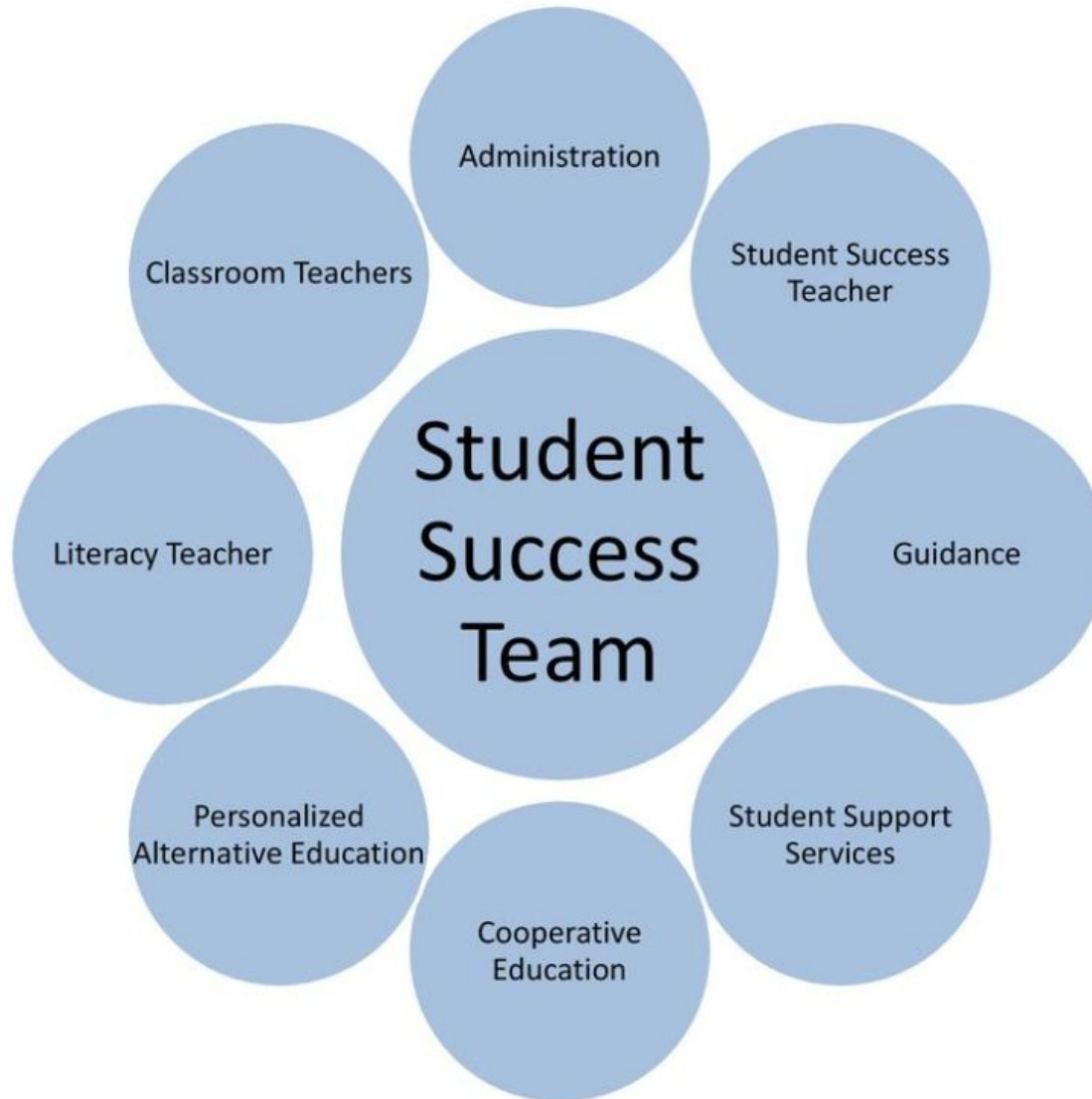
# Experience Clubs

Artists Club	Games Room	Science Club
Athletic Council	Gay Straight Alliance	Small Music Ensembles
Breakfast Club	HOSA	Student Network of Leadership
Computer Gaming Club	Improv Team	Spartan Swing
DECA	Math Club	Starbooks Cafe Book Club
Dixieland Band	Me to We Club	Student Council
Dungeons & Dragons	Music Council	Tamil Student Association
Eco Team	Muslim Student Association	Tech Club
Empowering Student Partnership	Presidents' Council	Well-Being Team
Equity & Inclusivity Club	Prom Committee	
	Robotics (Jr. & Sr.)	





# Stouffville Caring & Support



# Experience Guidance Services



Ms. Erin Gray  
Department Head



Mrs. Nadia Camara  
Counsellor



Mrs. Rose Luciani  
Counsellor

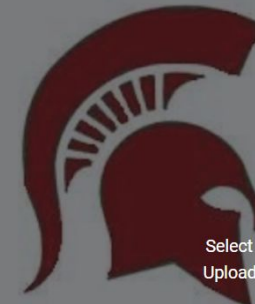


Ms. Laura Taccone  
Counsellor  
Student Success

## Future Spartans (Class of 2025)

Class code `kej33ae`

Meet link [Generate Meet link](#)



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**[SDSS Guidance Website - Elementary to Secondary](#)**



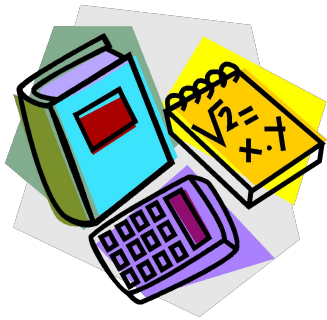


# Experience Student Success

- 2 Student Success Teachers and 2 CYWs who monitor, track and support student achievement for Academic and social/emotional well-being and success
- Student Mentors and Transition support
- Peer Tutoring

**Time Management + Planning + Participation = SUCCESS**

## How Parents Can Help...



- ▢ Goal Setting
- ▢ Contact teachers
- ▢ Check Teach Assist
- ▢ Take an active part in educational/career planning
- ▢ Actively participate in course selection completion
- ▢ Help your child select appropriate courses and listen to the advice of education professionals

For further information, please visit the [Student Success page](#) on the SDSS Website



# Experience Student Services

**SERT**



**LC**



**IPRC**



**Please click on the blue arrows to access more information.**

**SEA**



**GLE**



**IEP**

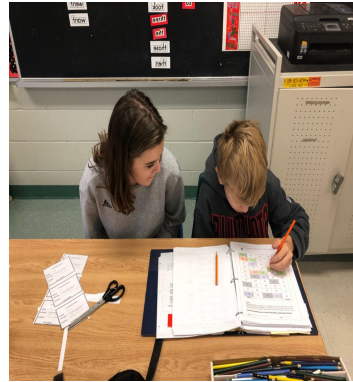


# Experience Alternative Education

All programmes combine *hands on, community based* and personalised classroom learning.

**TEAM:** students earn half of their credits in a *teacher lead field placement*.

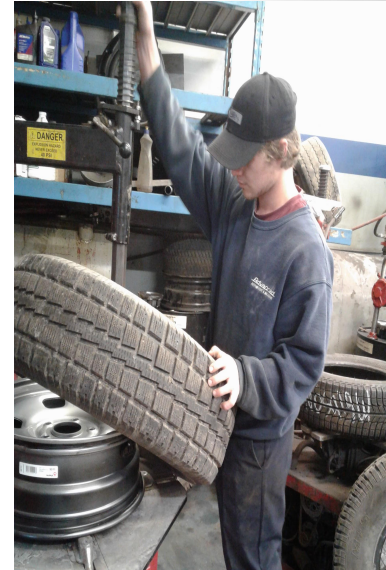
**ALEP:** students earn at least 75% of their credits in *paid and unpaid work placements*.



TA at St. Brigid Elementary



Retail customer service at Pet Value

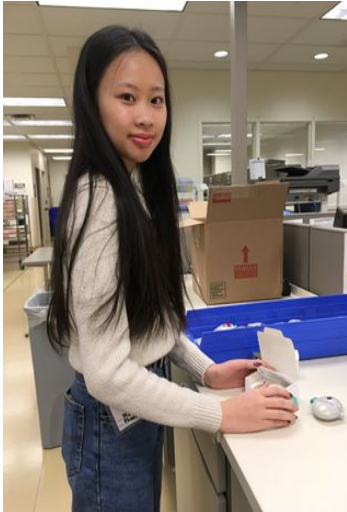


Mechanic Apprentice at Advanced Auto



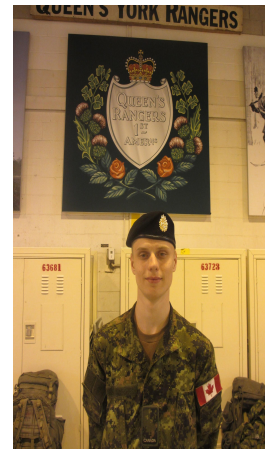
TEAM at Camp Ak-O-Mak with Volunteer Builders Ontario

# Experience Cooperative Education



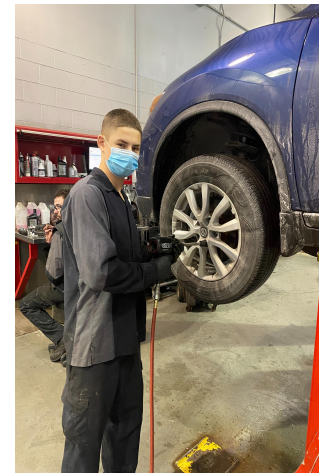
Co-op is a way to “Test Drive” a career before spending a lot of time in the workplace and/or money on College or University.

Co-op is a grade 11 or 12 program that will give the experience, contacts and references needed to explore a successful career choice while obtaining high school credits.



Militia Co-op

## OYAP & Accelerated OYAP



Co-OPERATIVE EDUCATION  
EXPERIENCE • SKILLS • MODERN LEARNING

Earn extra certifications and opportunities for learning outside the classroom!



# ESL/ELD Support Programs



- ESL/ELD courses are provided to help students develop proficiency in English
- Students are assessed for their level of English proficiency in order to be placed in appropriate classes
- Courses are developed from the curriculum policy documents



# What Do I Need to Know About Secondary School?

**Making Decisions**



# Welcome to Grade 9

Transition activities to support grade 9 students:

- Feeder school visits and visits to Stouffville District Secondary School
- First day of school - grade 9's only
- Grade 9 orientation activities
- Clubs and Teams fair
- Peer Tutors



# Compulsory Courses in Grade 9

In order to meet graduation diploma requirements, it is strongly recommended that students take the following subjects in Grade 9:

1. English
2. Mathematics
3. Science
4. Geography
5. French
6. Health & Physical Education
7. Elective #1 (Recommend an Arts credit)
8. Elective #2





# Elective Courses in Grade 9

## Technological Education

Exploring Technology

Hairstyling & Aesthetics

## Business Studies

Business Technology

## The Arts

Visual Arts

Drama

Music

Repertoire

Repertoire Vocals


## Social Sciences & Humanities

Exploring Family Studies

## Learning Strategies



# Elementary to Secondary



Secondary  
**Stouffville District Secondary School**

Staff: --Select an Application--  
Students: --Select an Application--

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## Grade 8 Open House

### Information for students entering Grade 9 in September 2021 will be posted on Thursday, December 3, 2020

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#### Grade 8 Open House Presentation

Experience Stouffville! Presentation Recording - coming soon!  
Experience Stouffville! Presentation Slide Deck - coming soon!  
[Experience our Departments!](#)  
Q and A sheet from submitted questions

#### Grade 8 Course Selection Information

[2020 SDSS Grade 8 Viewbook](#)  
[Elementary Partner School Presentation - November 24, 2020](#) - slide deck

#### High School Planning

[YRDSB Video - What Do I Need to Know About Secondary School?](#)  
[Graduation Requirements](#)  
[Applied and Academic - Key Differences](#)



# Course Types

<b>ACADEMIC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● offered in the following compulsory courses: Science, Math, English, French, Geography, History</li><li>● maximum class size of 29</li></ul>
<b>APPLIED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● offered in the following compulsory courses: Science, Math, English, French, Geography, History</li><li>● maximum class size of 22</li></ul>
<b>LOCALLY DEVELOPED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● may be offered in the following compulsory courses: Science, Math, English, History</li><li>● maximum class size of 16</li><li>● placement determined through an IPRC meeting</li></ul>
<b>OPEN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● offered in the following compulsory courses: Physical Education, Arts, Civics/Careers and all remaining grade 9&amp;10 electives</li><li>● maximum class size of 29 (exception Technology courses)</li></ul>

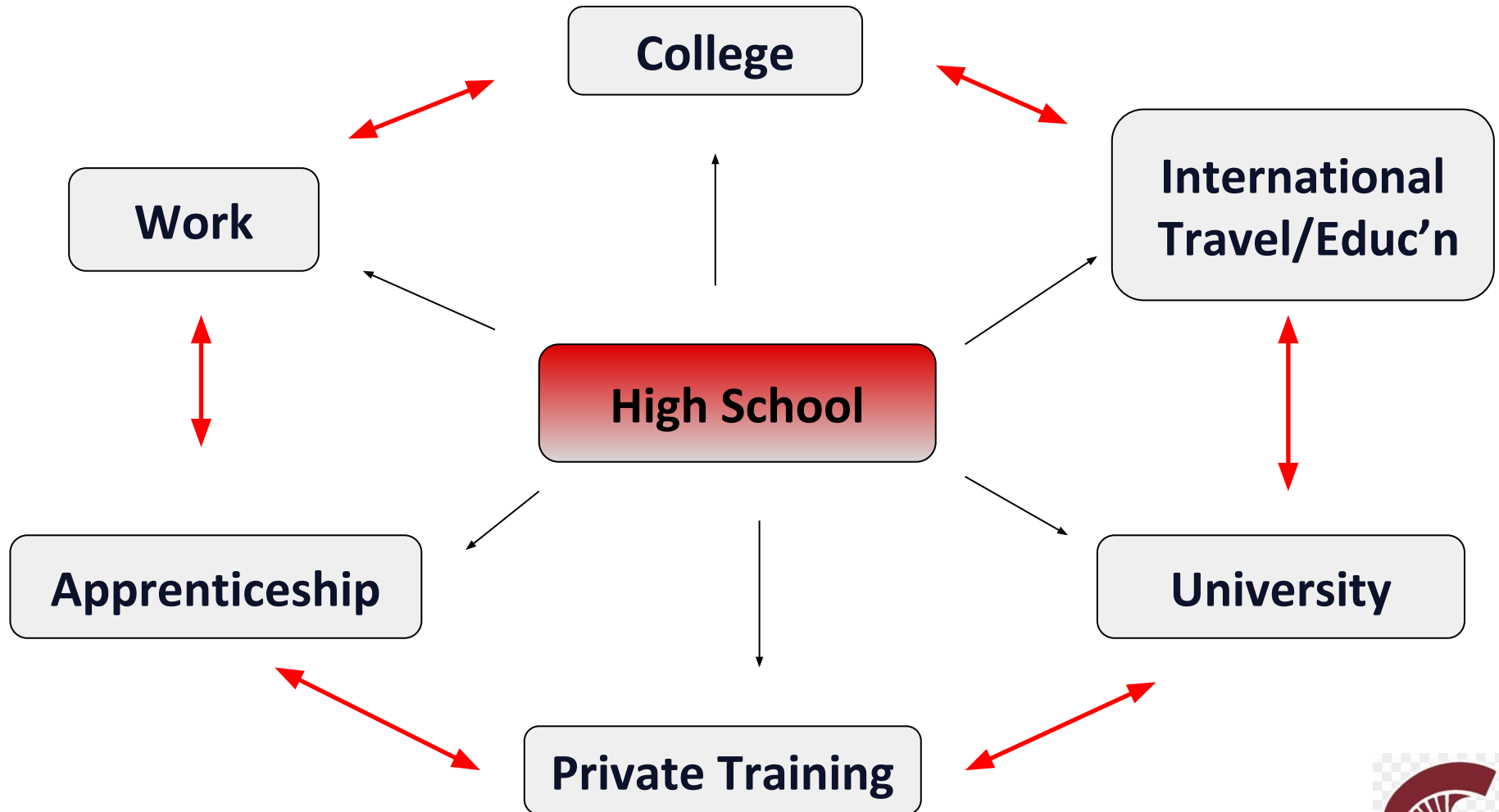
# Choosing Courses for Grade 9

- Families and students will select courses and may choose to collaborate with elementary school teachers, guidance counselors, student success/support teachers and administrators
- Students often choose a combination of course types to support different learning interests and styles.
- Remember that initial decisions made in Grade 8 are not “final” decisions. There are many pathways to initial post-secondary destinations

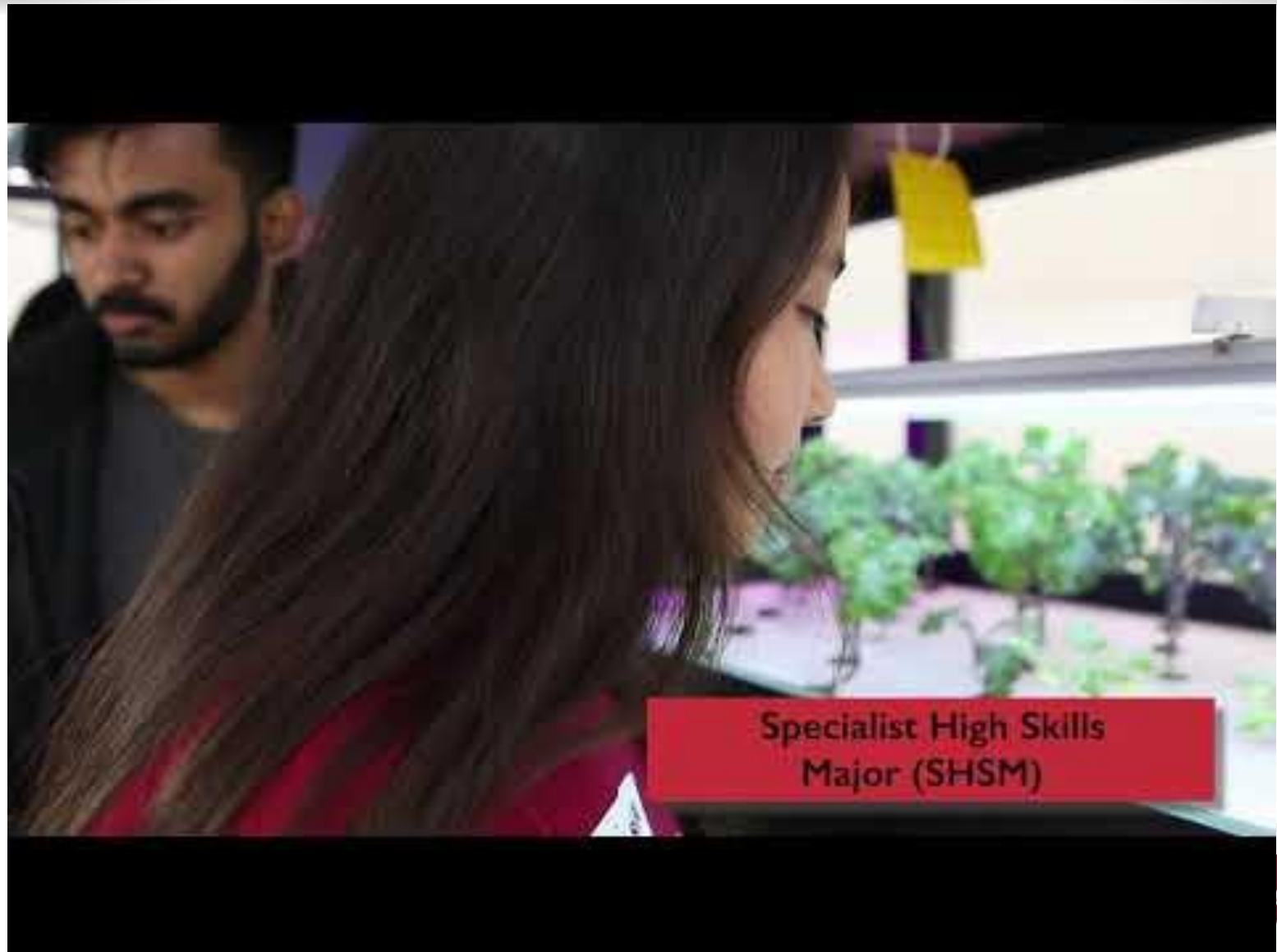




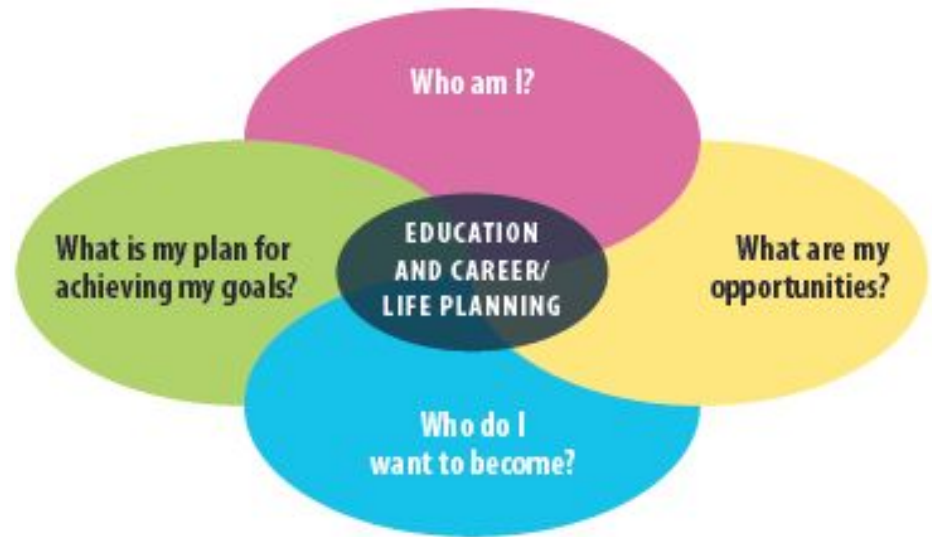
# Course and Post-Secondary Pathways are changeable and flexible



# Experience Pathways



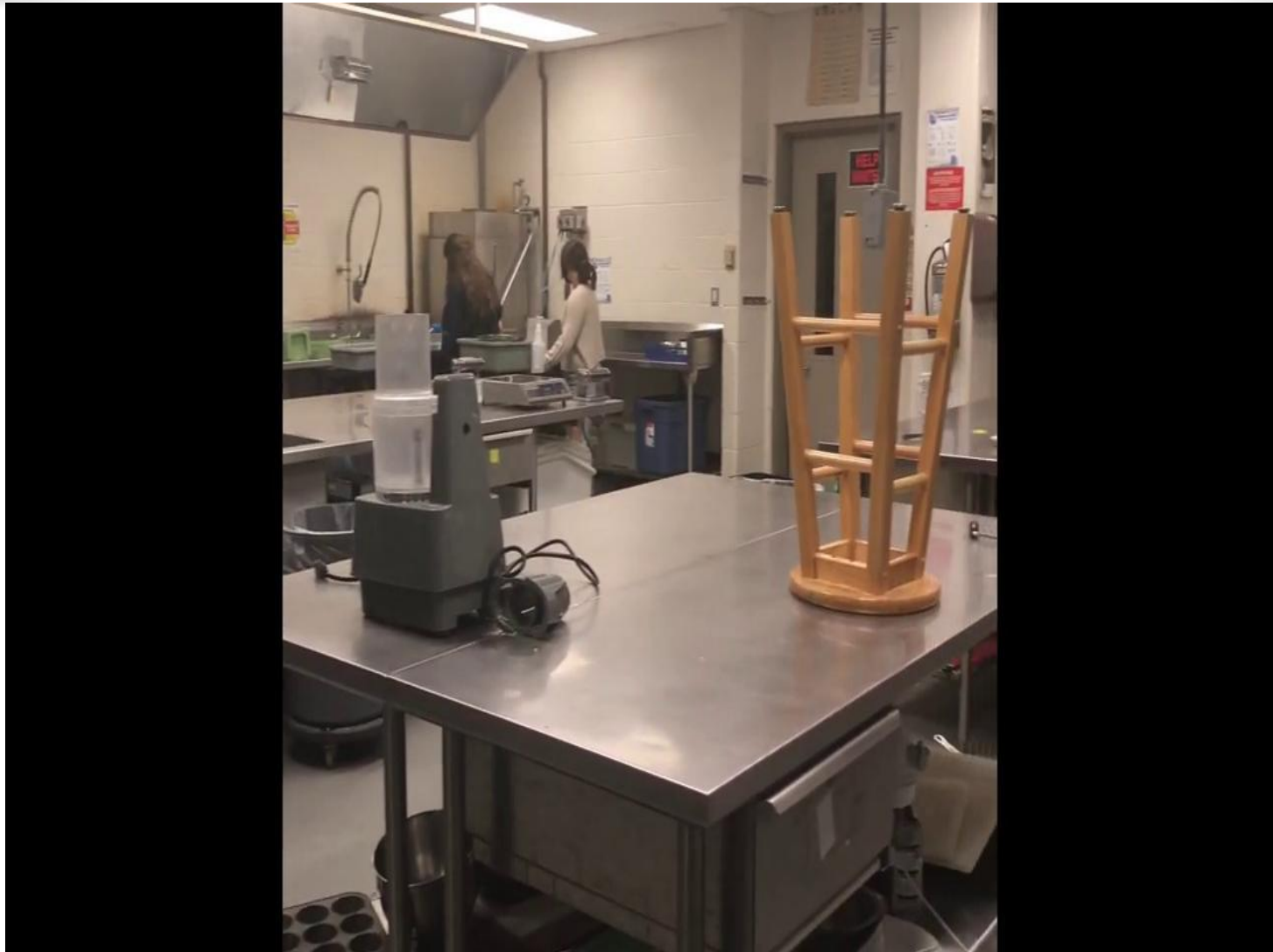
# Experience Possibilities



**my**  
**PATHWAY**  
**planner**



# Experience Stouffville





# Dates to Remember

## Elementary Partner School Students

- Ballantrae, Barbara Reid, Glad Park, Harry Bowes, Oscar Peterson, Summitview, Wendat Village, Whitchurch Highlands
- registration information to Grade 8 teacher: **Friday, February 5, 2021**
- course selection submitted online: **Wednesday, February 24, 2021**

## York Region Students (non-partner school)

- complete the registration process as outlined by your home school
- complete a Transfer form (from your home secondary school)
- give to your grade 8 teacher by the **Friday, February 5, 2021**

## Registration Appointments (in area/non-YRDSB)

- grade 8 students from Catholic system, private school, etc.
- registration appointments will be held **Friday, January 15, 2021**
- to book an appointment, please email [lisa.degeer@yrdsb.ca](mailto:lisa.degeer@yrdsb.ca)



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