



***WHAT IS A  
SPECIALIST HIGH  
SKILLS MAJOR?***

## ***SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR***

- \* A way to make your diploma and resume stand out
- \* A way to earn FREE certifications and trainings
- \* Gain specialized knowledge & skills that are valued by the career sector you're interested in
- \* Create a more enjoyable high school experience

Defined as: a specialized, ministry-approved program that allows you to focus your learning on a specific economic sector while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

# NWSS!



Northwestern is unique because we are the only school in AVON MAITLAND to offer students a choice of SIX Specialist High Skills Majors:

- \* Architecture, Engineering & Design (ENERGY)
- \* HEALTH & WELLNESS
- \* HOSPITALITY & TOURISM
- \* ENVIRONMENT
- \* TRANSPORTATION
- \* MANUFACTURING

# ***REQUIREMENTS:***

**1.**

## ***BUNDLE OF COURSES:***

A selection of 8 or 9 courses (MATH,  
ENGLISH, major credits & CO-OP)



***2 & 3. EXPERIENTIAL  
LEARNING ACTIVITY  
(FIELD TRIP) & REACH  
AHEAD EXPERIENCE***



## ***4. CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING***

- × Some compulsory (received through CO-OP)
- × Electives – earned by being in a particular class, or set-up by the LEAD teacher or myself
- × These can be put on a resume and make you that much more employable when applying for a job

# SPCC

*(SECTOR-PARTNERED CONTEXTUALIZED COMPONENT)*



This component requires an approximately 6 hour activity (may be split between two days) delivered with a sector partner and also has an experiential component to it.

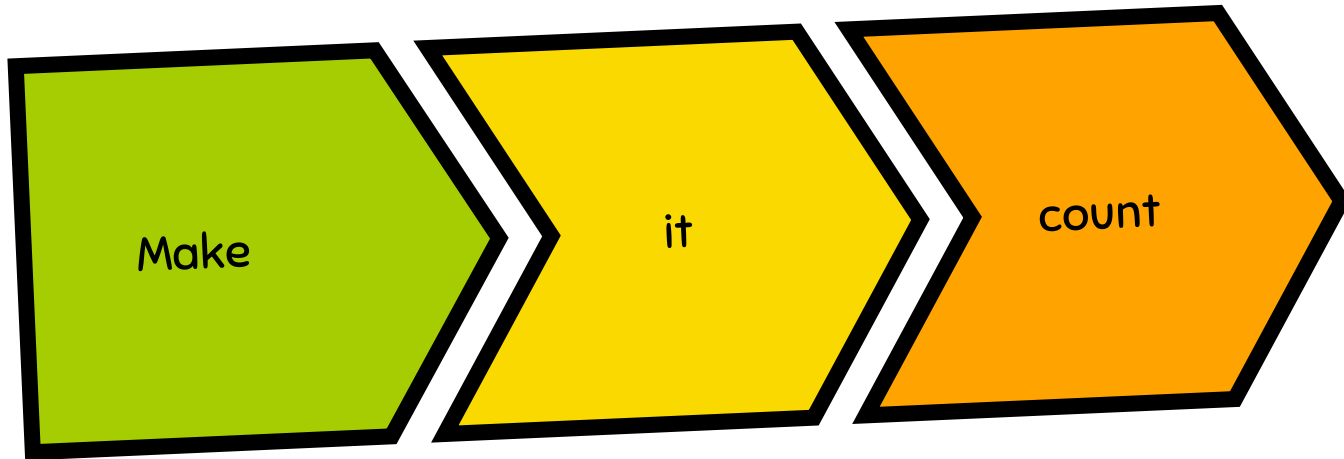
This year, Ms.Riddell is teaming up with the City of Stratford to deliver an activity-filled day which starts with a city bus tour!

## ***EXAMPLES OF CERTIFICATIONS & TRAININGS***

- \* Customer Service
- \* Working at Heights
- \* Sign Language
- \* CAD/CAM
- \* Safe Food Handling
- \* Fire Safety Training
- \* Fire extinguisher use
- \* Conflict Resolution
- \* Wrapping/Taping for performance & injury
- \* Coaching/Personal Trainer



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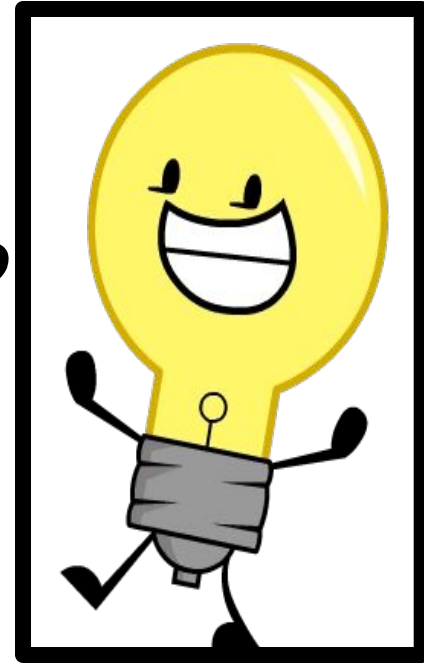
***VIDEO***



# ***INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE INFORMATION?***

Grab an information sheet to take home, and stop in @  
Student Services and speak with Mrs. Welsh!!

[nikkole.welsh@ed.amdsb.ca](mailto:nikkole.welsh@ed.amdsb.ca)



## ***THINKING ABOUT SIGNING UP?***

1. Choose a Specialist High Skills Major & grab a form!
2. Sign it, and write down your email address or cell phone number.
3. Hand it in to me or bring it to Student Services

\* If you fill the form out early, I will enroll you at the beginning of grade 11. The sooner the better!