

FAQ

THE SSTW PROGRAM AT EASTDALE SECONDARY SCHOOL

1. QUESTION: *If my son/daughter is successful in the SSTW program will they earn a high school diploma?*

ANSWER: *YES, all SSTW students are working towards achieving 30 credits which will earn them an Ontario Secondary School Diploma(OSSD)*

2. QUESTION: *Will my son/daughter be able to attend college from the SSTW program?*

ANSWER: *While the SSTW program is in place to help your son/daughter transition directly into the world of work there are a couple of alternate options that will make college a possibility. If a student is highly successful in the SSTW pathway they will have the ability to try to some college level pathway courses that may help them if they choose to apply to college. There are also a couple of colleges that accept students directly from the SSTW pathway.*

3. QUESTION: *What sort of support will my son/daughter receive if they are in the SSTW program?*

ANSWER: *If they are on an IEP(Individual Education Plan) they will receive one on one consultation with one of our Special Education Resource Teachers(SERT). They will also have access to the resource room when they feel it is necessary, an opportunity to speak with our youth counselor, guidance counselor and a staff who will be aware of any accommodations that may help your son/daughter be successful.*

4. QUESTION: *If I was unable to attend the Open House or the SSTW “Taste of Eastdale” how can I visit the school or find out more about the program?*

ANSWER: *You can call Eastdale directly and request a tour/meeting with the SSTW coordinator (Gary McGuchan) or you can ask the LRT or grade 8 teacher at your son/daughter’s current school to set up a meeting for you.*

5. QUESTION: *What are the average class sizes for the SSTW program?*

ANSWER: *A class with just SSTW students in it will typically have between 12-18 students. If the student is taking an OPEN level class such as Physical Education the number of students may be slightly higher.*

6. QUESTION: *How will my son/daughter get to school if they are enrolled in the SSTW program?*

ANSWER: *Transportation is provided for all of our SSTW students.*

7. QUESTION: *Will my son/daughter have to pass the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)?*

ANSWER: *The writing of the OSSLT will be deferred to their grade 11 year to give them some more time to be prepared for the test. If they are then unsuccessful they will then be enrolled in the Ontario Literacy Course (OLC) which will fulfill their diploma requirements.*

8. QUESTION: What is a Specialist High Skills Major(SHSM) and is my son/daughter eligible being in the SSTW program?

ANSWER: A SHSM is a group of credits that are focused in a particular area that give a student a seal on their diploma when they successful complete those credits. Currently at Eastdale we offer SHSM's in Hospitality and Tourism, Manufacturing, and Transportation. All SSTW students are eligible to enroll in the Specialist High Skills Major programs

9. QUESTION: What are the different levels of programming offered at Eastdale?

ANSWER: A. Specialized School to Community(formerly Special Needs)

B. SSTW- offers courses in the Locally Developed/Workplace level

C. APPLIED- offers courses at Applied/College level

D. ACADEMIC- offers courses at the Academic/University level

10. QUESTION: Do SSTW students have to complete 40 hours of community service hours?

ANSWER: YES, all students working towards a Ontario High School Diploma(OSSD) are required to complete the hours.