

Technology Programming Offered at Thames Valley District School Board Secondary Schools

 = Tech Emphasis Schools

School	Communications	Computer Technology	Construction	Design	Exploring Technology	Green Industries	Hair and Aesthetics	Health Care	Hospitality and Tourism	Manufacturing	Transportation
Sir. F. Banting	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes				yes		yes
Sir W. Laurier	yes	yes	yes		yes					yes	yes
Strathroy DCI	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes
West Elgin	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes				yes	yes
Westminster	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes				yes	yes
Woodstock CI	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes						

Please see below for more information on Technology Emphasis Schools



Technology Emphasis Program Information

1. What are Technology Emphasis Schools?

Technology Emphasis Schools offer programs that support the learning needs of a wide range of learners (Apprenticeships, Workplace, College and/or University).

In addition to the academic and elective programming available in all TVDSB schools, Technology Emphasis schools offer specialized programming at the secondary level in the following areas of technology:

- Exploring Technology
- Communications
- Manufacturing
- Hairstyling/Aesthetics
- Hospitality
- Transportation
- Construction
- Green Industries (*not offered at Arthur Voaden S.S.*)
- Health Care (*not offered at College Ave. S.S.*)

2. Which TVDSB schools offer Technology Emphasis Programming?

The six TVDSB designated Technology Emphasis schools are:

- Arthur Voaden S.S.
- Clarke Road S.S.
- College Ave S.S.
- Montcalm S.S.
- Saunders S.S.
- Strathroy D.C.I.

3. What is the role of my school in supporting Technology Emphasis programming?

Elementary schools are asked to share information about the Technology Emphasis programs with students in Grades 7 and 8. Information regarding Technology Emphasis schools should be included in the normal communication that elementary schools provide to assist students in selecting a secondary school (e.g. promotional materials, school visits/tours, inviting guidance and secondary teachers to present at the elementary schools).

Secondary schools are also asked to share information on this programming through the Guidance Department.

4. What is the registration process?

Students may register directly with an Technology Emphasis school by completing an Technology Emphasis Program Intent Form combined with the school's regular registration process. The Program Intent Form is not a screening form, but rather an opportunity for the student to pursue the student's area of technology interest, to facilitate the transition process, and to ensure that transportation is coordinated (where applicable). Completed Technology Emphasis Program Intent Forms should be submitted to the school by February 15, for a September start. However, at any point during the school year Technology Emphasis Program Intent Forms will be accepted as long as there is space availability in the technical courses. In Grade 9, a student may attend a Technology Emphasis program without enrolling in a Grade 9 technology course, if the student's area of interest does not start until grade 10 (e.g., Hairstyling and Aesthetics, Green Industries, Hospitality, Health Care). In this case, if the student does not continue with technology programming in Grades 10/11/12, the administration at the Tech Emphasis school could request that the student return to his/her home school for the next semester. School movement can impact Athletic Eligibility. (Contact Learning Co-ordinator with responsibilities for Secondary Athletics with any athletic eligibility questions)

5. How do I determine the designated Technology Emphasis school for a specific address?

The Technology Emphasis school that is designated to a specific address can be located through the board website.

6. Is transportation provided for Technology Emphasis programs?

Eligibility for transportation to the students' designated Technology Emphasis schools will be determined as per the Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Consortium policy.

7. Can students register in Technology Emphasis programming after Grade 9?

Students may register at their designated Technology Emphasis school in any grade (Gr. 9 through 12). A student does not need to begin Technology Emphasis programming in Grade 9.

8. How many technology courses does a student need to take in order to be considered for Technology Emphasis Programming?

A student only needs to register for one technology course per year (or have completed a Program Intent form if they are in Grade 9) in order to be considered part of the Technology Emphasis program.

9. Will other secondary schools continue to offer a range of technology programs?

Other secondary schools do offer technology courses and the courses offered can be found on the TVDSB website.

10. How do I find out more information about Technology Emphasis programming in TVDSB?

Additional information is available about Technology Emphasis programming on the Technology page of the TVDSB website <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/programs/tech-emphasis.aspx> , or by contacting the school administration at the designated Technology Emphasis School.