



Emphasis Technology Program Information

1. What are Emphasis Technology Schools?

Emphasis Technology 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, Emphasis Technology 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 Emphasis Technology Programming?

The six TVDSB designated Emphasis Technology 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 Emphasis Technology programming?

Elementary schools are asked to share information about the Emphasis Technology programs with students in Grades 7 and 8. Information regarding Emphasis Technology 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 Emphasis Technology school by completing an Emphasis Technology 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 Emphasis Technology Program Intent Forms should be submitted to the school by February 14, for a September start. However, at any point during the school year Emphasis Technology Program Intent Forms will be accepted as long as there is space availability in the technical courses. In Grade 9, a student may attend an Emphasis Technology 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 Emphasis Technology for a specific address?

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

6. Is transportation provided for Emphasis Technology programs?

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

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

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

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

Additional information is available about Emphasis Technology 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 Emphasis Technology School.