

Message to Parents

The Work-Oriented Training Path (WOTP) is one of three educational pathways offered in Secondary Cycle Two, the other two being the General Education Path and the Applied General Education Path. If your son or daughter has been recommended for enrolment in the WOTP, rest assured that this opportunity will offer new and challenging ways for him or her to learn and grow.

Students in the WOTP focus on their own academic, personal and career goals, based upon their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Our students often find that the smaller class size and personal focus offers them the learning environment and support they need to enjoy learning and succeed at their own pace. Work placements, which are a required part of the program, teach marketable skills and encourage independence and responsibility.



The WOTP consists of two distinct learning programs: Prework Training (<u>PWT</u>) and Training for a Semiskilled

Trade (TST). TST is a one-year program designed for students who, at 15 years of age, are working at a Secondary Cycle One level in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

The TST program offers students the opportunity to focus their academic efforts on the three core academic subjects: English Language Arts, Mathematics and French Second Language, while at the same time training for a specific Semiskilled Trade. The work placement component of the program is compulsory. The experience students gain in the work force is an important part of the learning process and helps reinforce academic skills in a real-world context.

There are many semiskilled trades identified by the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ) offering a rich variety of job possibilities. Visit the Directory of Semiskilled Trades. <u>Go to site</u>

Students who successfully complete the TST program will receive an official **Training Certificate for a Semiskilled Trade (TCST)** granted by the MEQ. The TCST indicates the specific Semiskilled Trade in which the student received training.

Academic performance is graded using percentages in the same manner as in the General Education Path. Upon completion of the TST program, some students may choose to enter the work force, but all students are encouraged to consider continuing their academic studies. TST students retain the right to continue their education in the youth sector, or they may also choose to enter adult education.

In addition, students who complete a TCST and satisfy certain conditions may be admitted into certain Vocational Training programs. Please speak to the Guidance Counsellor at your son or daughter's school to learn more. View vocational training information via Inforoute. <u>Go to site</u>.

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