GRADE 8 Open HOUSE INVITATION



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2026

6:00PM

Are you a Grade 8 student looking for a SAFE AND FUN Secondary School to attend with GREAT academics, sports teams, and clubs? THEN JOIN US!

Glencoe District High School is an INCLUSIVE and INNOVATIVE school with fantastic students, teachers, and community support!

For those attending, please sign in at the front doors at 5:45PM. Then join us in our Library Learning Commons to meet our Administration and listen to presentations on our programming, sports teams, groups, and clubs.

Guided tours to follow.

Please RSVP by calling 519-287-3310
or by emailing t.harvie@tvdsb.ca



GLENCOE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING?

- **GDHS has one of the highest credit attainment and five-year graduation rates within TVDSB!**
- For several years GDHS has had a 100% acceptance rate at Canadian Universities and Colleges. We offer all pathways: Academic, Applied, Locally Developed, College, University, and Workplace.
- Historically, 97% of all courses taken at GDHS were passed, including 96% of all grade 9 courses.
- Grade 9 and Grade 10 compulsory courses at GDHS are the same as all other Ontario Secondary Schools.
- **Our smaller class sizes means more one-on-one attention from your teacher** and more collaboration between grades and department projects are possible.
- With donations from our community and local businesses, approximately $40,000 in scholarships, awards, and bursaries are awarded every year to GDHS students at our Commencement Ceremony.
- We offer a wide variety of Physical Education credits which involve personal fitness, recreational leadership, and an Introduction to Kinesiology.
- We offer Food & Nutrition, Personal Life Management, and Food and Culture courses which teach students how to prepare food safely and how to live independently. Students will also learn how to create a budget and manage a mortgage, insurance, groceries, clothing, and investments.
- In Grade 9 Technology and the Skilled Trades classes, students will rotate through construction, metal shop, plumbing, electrical, and communications technologies.
- We offer Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) preparation, starting in Grade 9, to help students be more successful for this graduation requirement.
- We offer extra Ontario Financial Literacy Test (OFLT) preparation, to help Grade 10 students be successful for this graduation requirement.
- Our Dual Credit Program is a collaborative program in conjunction with the TVDSB and Lambton College and Fanshawe College. Students have the opportunity to earn up to four college and four equivalent high school credits.
- Our Co-operative Education program has doubled in size in the last few years, and we work closely with local employers who support our program across business and professional sectors.
- Several of our students have placed in the top 25% in North America for math awards.

YOU WILL ALSO BE INTERESTED TO LEARN...

- GDHS has undergone some major renovations recently: updated electrical and plumbing, all interior doors have been replaced as well as exterior windows and doors, most classrooms and the hallways have been given a fresh coat of paint, and just this summer we had new drainage and freshly paved driveways and parking lots. Coming soon will be a new Library Learning Commons. It has been great to see the continued current and future investment in our building.
- Due to increased Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Health & Wellness Program funding, we have purchased new weight room equipment and a new Monster HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) Rig which will benefit all students whether they are in the program or not. This is an incredible improvement for an elite athlete or for one just wanting to be healthier.
- We have a daily Breakfast Club program run by our staff and student volunteers.
- Every December our GAELS donate to the St. Vincent du Paul Food Bank by donating canned goods and toiletries. We also have an Angel Tree where students and staff can select an ornament off the tree and donate a gift for youth in our community.
- Our extremely experienced, dedicated, and knowledgeable teaching faculty also provide students with leadership and extra-curricular opportunities.
- Since GDHS is a smaller high school, students have increased leadership and extra-curricular opportunities.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR SPORTS AND EXTRA-CURRICULARS?

- GAELS Get Involved! GDHS has many extra-curricular opportunities! Archery, Badminton, Band, Basketball, Best Buddies, Black Student Alliance, Chess Club, Cross Country, Curling, Environmental Club, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, GAEL Force, Golf, GSA, Hockey, Indigenous Student Association, Mathletes, Photography Club, Robotics, Soccer, Student Leadership (Council), Student Athletic Association, Track & Field, Video Game Club. New and old clubs/teams will run based on student interest.
- Many GDHS athletes/teams have qualified, competed and been successful at WOSSAA and OFSAA.
- GDHS Colour Houses! All students and staff are assigned to a Colour House team and compete in different activities throughout the year for points and prizes! (e.g. Cornhole Tournament, UNO Tournament, Intramurals like Handball, Volleyball, Pickleball, Spikeball, and Spirit Day competitions)!
- Our smaller numbers mean students have more opportunity to make our sports teams and join more clubs.
- Members of the Gender-Sexuality Alliance (GSA) and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Committee lead collaboratively, by example to share information and inspire others to bring a sense of belonging, respect, encouragement and support to the school community.
- G.A.E.L. F.O.R.C.E. [Gaels Acquiring Excellent Leadership (through) Friendship, Opportunity, Responsibility, Communication and Experience] is developed and run entirely by senior GDHS students for Grade 9 and 10 students every year.
- Our “High School Here I Come” program runs in August and will assist students in their transition from elementary school to high school.










SHSM OFFERED AT GDHS

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a specialized high school program that allows students to earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and focus their learning on a specific economic sector at the same time.

Students develop skills for their future career, graduate high school with industry certifications and training, and earn an SHSM seal on their high school diploma.

To complete an SHSM, students need to:

- complete a specific bundle of 8-10 courses in the student's selected field
- earn industry certifications like first aid and CPR qualifications
- gain on-the-job skills through cooperative education placements

When students complete an SHSM, they will get:

- a high school diploma with an embossed SHSM red seal
- an SHSM record that has details of credit bundle, certifications, placements and other experiences
- a formal recognition on their Ontario Student Transcript

Benefits of SHSM:

- tailor student's high school education to their interests and talents
- develop specialized knowledge and skills
- explore a variety of careers
- gain sector-recognized certifications
- get career-relevant training
- engage in STEM-related activities that develop innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship
- make informed decisions about their future

Each SHSM Program has a series of course requirements and compulsory and elective certifications and training in addition to reach ahead experiences.









COMPULSORY CERTIFICATES & TRAINING

HEALTH & WELLNESS

- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) - Level C or Health Care Provider (HCP)
- Infection control
- Standard First Aid
- Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)

CONSTRUCTION

- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Level C - includes automated external defibrillation (AED)
- Standard First Aid
- Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)
- Working at Heights
- Health and Safety

TRANSPORTATION

- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Level C - includes automated external defibrillation (AED)
- Standard First Aid
- Health and Safety
- Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)

ALL SHSM STUDENTS GRADUATE WITH A "RED SEAL" DIPLOMA

ALL AREA GRADE 8 STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR "EXPERIENCE GDHS DAY"

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2026 – 9:30AM–2:00PM

In addition to our Grade 8 Information Night, we invite ALL area Grade 8 students to enjoy some fun activities with our current GAELS at "Experience GDHS Day"!

Our feeder schools (Ekcoe, Mosa, and Caradoc) will be given transportation for the day. Students outside of Ekcoe, Mosa, and Caradoc may contact our Guidance Department to confirm participation by emailing t.harvie@tvdsb.ca.

DURING "EXPERIENCE GDHS DAY" YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Enjoy hands-on activities with peer leaders in different classes and/or departments starting at 9:30AM.
- Lunch is on us! Please contact GDHS if you have dietary concerns and we will accommodate.
- Participate in team building GAEL activities at lunchtime in the gym.
- Complete the class/department tours and wrap up in the cafeteria by 1:30PM for an open panel discussion with some of our senior students.
- Busses will depart by 2:00PM.

After attending the Grade 8 Information Night and "Experience GDHS Day", we are sure you will want to be a part of our school community! Our GAELS are proud of Glencoe District High School, and we look forward to sharing our SAFE, CARING, ACADEMIC, AND FUN atmosphere with our new Grade 9 students!






