



WEST HANTS EDUCATION CENTRE

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## Program Information

### How can I become a student?

- 1) You have already begun the process by picking up an application package.
- 2) **Complete and submit your application** form to West Hants Education Centre. Your legal guardian(s) and your current school principal must sign this form. **(Remember to include your transcript of marks and attendance record.)**
- 3) Have **one teachers** in your school submit a **Student Reference form** to West Hants Education Centre. Have an **administrator, guidance counselor or resource teacher** submit the **School Data Form** to West Hants or Education Centre. **If shortlisted, attend an interview and academic screening** meeting with the teacher and principal of West Hants Education Centre.
- 4) **Make a commitment to participate in ALL components of this program** for the remainder of the semester / school year.
- 5) **Wait to hear if you have been selected** by the Selection Committee.

### What course credits will be offered?

Each student will have the opportunity to obtain some of the following Nova Scotia PSP credits during the upcoming year:

Math Essentials 10

Math Essentials 11

Oceans 11

English 10

English Communications 11

Learning Strategies 11/12

Mi'Kmaq 10

Visual Art 11

Agriculture 11

Food Prep/Tech 10

Physical Education 10/PAL 11

Science 10

### How will I get from my community to the West Hants Education Center?

You will take your regular bus to Avon View and then a bus will transport you to WHEC

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## How is this school different than my regular High School?

At West Hants Education Centre the curriculum content / information is the same as that at your current High School; the course information covered is the SAME as that at any other high school in Nova Scotia. You will be working toward completing a regular Nova Scotia graduation certificate. There will be a difference in the way the subjects are taught and evaluated. There will be a significantly smaller teacher-student ratio (2 teachers, 20 students). There will also be a more individualized holistic approach to learning, including personal growth and development, career preparation and exploration, and academic achievement. Our school program focuses on experiential learning.

### Academics:

- A focus on student-centered learning - projects, group work, presentations, hands-on learning experiences, community-based activities linked directly to course work
- Modular, cross-curricular units - units of study will be broken down into smaller projects that may cover more than one subject at a time
- Diversified assessment - use a variety of ways to show what you know, not just tests
- More flexible time to concentrate on literacy and numeracy upgrading as needed

### Personal Growth & Development:

- Community service projects - what can we do to benefit our community?
- Adventure-based / experiential education activities, which may include:
  - Indoor rock climbing
  - High Ropes course
  - Wilderness survival/camping
  - Canoeing/Kayaking
  - Regular physical activities - snowshoeing, hiking, cardio/weight training, etc
- Workshops on relevant teen issues, which may include:
  - Substance Abuse
  - Youth Criminal Justice Act
  - Options to Anger
  - community counseling services
  - problem solving strategies
  - personal interaction skills
  - setting & achieving goals
  - self-ownership, taking responsibility for one's own decisions and actions

### Career Preparation & Exploration:

- Identification of work-related strengths & interests
- Work experience
- Job searching, resume writing, portfolio development, interview techniques
- Employment related certifications/workshops, which may include:
  - WHMIS
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR
  - Occupational Health and Safety
  - Workers rights & responsibilities, legal issues
  - Food Handler's Course