

Regional Arts and Culture Program

Students will enter grade 9 and enroll in an Arts Discipline Course (Drama, Instrumental Music, Visual Art or Vocal). If they have enjoyed the course and want to pursue it, they will partake in an intake process/audition and declare their intent to enroll in the **Regional Arts and Culture Program (RAP)** in Grade 10. Once enrolled, students will take 2 art credits each year (one each semester) in their chosen discipline. They may continue in this program until completion of their grade 12 year. Upon graduation, in addition to an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, students will receive a Regional Arts and Culture Program Certificate. Please note that the Dance Program has an audition process for Grade 9, please see the requirements for it.

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

Is a ministry approved specialized program that begins in grade 11 and allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector. At Iona Catholic, that sector is Arts and Culture. The SHSM enables students to gain sector-specific skills and knowledge in the context of an engaging, career-related learning environment and helps them focus on graduation and pursuing their postsecondary goals. Beginning in grade 11, students who choose to enter into the Arts and Culture SHSM receive a customized timetable. Upon graduation, along with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, SHSM students will earn a Ministry of Education Red Seal indicating to all post secondary destinations that they have fulfilled the Arts and Culture SHSM.

Quick View Summary

Regional Arts Program (RAP)

Grade 9 enroll in an Arts Program Course

2 art credits per school year in grade 10, 11 and 12

All post secondary destinations (apprenticeship, work, college, university)

Ontario Secondary School Diploma

Arts and Culture Program Certificate

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

Enrolment in grade 11

**2 art credits per school year in grade 11 and 12, certifications, experiential learning, reach ahead experiences, Co-operative education
2 other required credits from the Ontario curriculum, in English and a choice of Business studies or Canadian World Studies**

All post secondary destinations (apprenticeship, work, college, university)

Ontario Secondary School Diploma with an embossed Red Seal

SHSM Record documenting achievement