



What is the Skills X Program?

The program exposes interested students to various construction and mechanical trades as they explore hands on units in construction related and metal trades.

The program will run with a cohort of 16 -18 students, part-time (half days) from Sept-Jan. SD47 transportation will be provided from Brooks to the program site each day.

Who can sign up for the Skills X Program?

The Skills X Program is available to Grade 10. There is an application to be completed “Student Profile”. This will have students report out on their readiness and will require a teacher’s reference. A student can obtain one of these from the counselling suite or from Ms. Larkin in the main office.

What credits can a student earn in the program?

Students will earn a total of 8 high school credits (including Career life Education 10 and Skills X a Gr 10 elective).

What comes after the Skills X Program?

If a student wishes to pursue a trade’s pathway at the conclusion of the program are encouraged to sign up for the Gr 11 Trades Sampler program. This is a part time full year program that offers 20 elective credits. For Gr 12 students there are Youth Train in Trades programs, which are full-time yearlong programs:

- Automotive
- Carpentry
- welding
- Culinary

If a student chooses to work in the construction sector then Brooks can support that individual with Youth Work in Trades courses (YWRK 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b). Essentially the student works, gets paid, and earns high school credit. Student must be 15 years of age or older for YWT registration.

Where is the Skills X program located?

This year the program will be based out of the Welding Shop, which is located at 4495 Manson Ave. This space will be shared between the Welding Program, the Trades Sampler Program and the Skills X program. Please note that there isn’t a direct SD47 stop at the welding building, city transportation may also need to be an option (transfer at a specific stop of school). There will be transportation each day for students to and from Brooks Secondary.

What do I bring to the program daily and what if I need assistance?

Each student will be required to have steel toed boots, if you do not have these there may be a pair you can borrow at the site. Please make sure to bring a packed lunch / snacks and water bottle each day. All PPE will be provided. It is optimal to wear clothes that offer extra protection:

Carhart, or similar pants, these are advantageous as they repel debris and are thick for added protection. Long sleeves are always advised, along with extra socks for boots. In the winter, please make sure to bring a jacket, the shop can be chilly, and students may be working outside. If you cannot afford any of the items listed above, please contact Mr. Dunne or Mrs. Larkin and we can look to support you.

What is my next step?

Please fill out a Skills X Initial Personal Profile and email or deliver this to Ms. Larkin, Vice Principal at Brooks Secondary School: Tanya.larkin@sd47.bc.ca Oh, and tell a friend, lets make this fun! Acceptance letters and details will be emailed in August prior to September start.