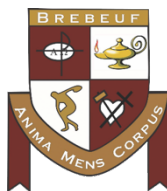


# P-TECH

*You asked...*

## Frequently Asked Questions



Please browse the questions and answers below for more information on SJB's P-TECH program.

**Q - What kind of student is a good candidate for SJB's P-TECH?**

**A - P-TECH is designed for students who are looking towards the future in what they want to accomplish in their high school career.**

Students considering P-TECH will have a desire to work in an IT career and are interested in a post-secondary diploma or degree. The P-TECH program will allow in-depth study in computer specialty courses in Grades 9-12 that allow students to focus on Information Technology topic areas at an accelerated pace.

This pace will allow students to complete both a Ontario Secondary School Diploma and a College Diploma in Software Engineering, while attending SJB.

Students who succeed at P-TECH are:

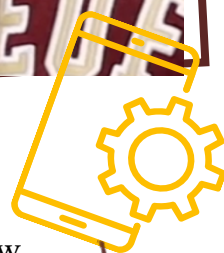
- interested in computers, science and math
- eager to learn the skills needed to succeed in technology industries
- curious, dedicated hands-on learners ready to take on the challenges of school, college, work and life
- committed to a strong attendance record, as evidenced in elementary school
- excited to participate in extended day and/or summer programs

Because of the way the curriculum is structured to allow for acceleration into college courses, students entering their Grade 9 year at SJB will have priority placement into the P-TECH program.

However, there may be opportunity and consideration given for students in other grades to transition into the P-TECH program. These students are asked to contact their guidance counsellor for more information.

Students can elect to leave the program without penalty.

**Q - Where is the program located?**





**A - Students will be located at St. Jean de Brébeuf Catholic Secondary School, 200 Acadia Drive, Hamilton, for the duration of the program.**

While at SJB in the P-TECH program, students will attend classes with instruction from both secondary teachers and Mohawk College instructors.

A student who leaves the school will no longer be able to participate in the P-TECH program.

**Q - When will students start taking college level classes?**

**-A -Students will begin taking college classes upon entering SJB in Grade 9 and will continue to take additional classes as they progress through high school.**

In Grade 9, the emphasis will be on team taught (see below explanation) courses, with both the college and high school teacher.

The majority of the college classes in Grades 9-12 will be dual credit (see below explanation).

**Q - What is team taught?**

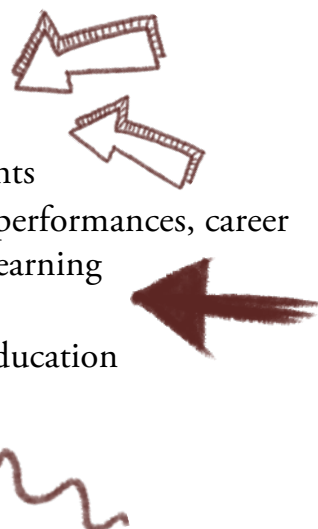
**A -Students are enrolled in a course that covers the content of both a secondary course and a college course.** The college instructor delivers the portion of the course from the college curriculum and the secondary teacher delivers the portion of the course contained in the Ontario curriculum. Students' achievement is evaluated by the college instructor and the high school teacher. Successful completion of the secondary course is recorded on the students' secondary school transcript. Credit for completion of the college course is recognized on the students' college transcript.

**Q - What is dual credit?**

**A -Dual credit programs allow high school students to enroll in college courses for credit while still in high school.** During the program, students are taught by both a high school teacher and a college instructor. Upon successful completion of the credit, two credits are earned by the student – one at the high school level, and one at the college level. College credits earned through dual credit can be applied toward high school and college graduation and can be transferred to other colleges or universities.

A dual credit program benefits the student in a number of ways:

- Provides a head start on postsecondary core requirements
- Lowers the cost of college
- Expands the variety of classes available to high school students
- Allows access to college facilities/activities—such as fine arts performances, career development services, computer labs, college libraries, and learning skills/tutoring services
- Provides greater opportunities for a coordinated, seamless education
- Serves as a “controlled” introduction to college life
- Allows for an easier transition to college
- Builds students' confidence and self-esteem



**Q - What college costs are covered for students enrolled in P-TECH?**

**A - The tuition for college courses is covered.**

**Q - What are the benefits of attending SJB's P-TECH school?**

**A -SJB's P-TECH Early College Graduation program enables students to enjoy the following benefits while attending SJB:**

- Earn a college diploma in Software Engineering Technician - tuition free, while in high school
- Develop workplace skills through mentorships and internships with industry partners
- Enter the job market at the front of the line with our Industry partners in the growing field of Information Technology and an in-demand skill set

**Q - Will students be able to participate in student activities and athletics?**

**A - Yes! Students will be able to participate in all school activities along with their SJB classmates.**

**Q - Are there built-in supports to help students with the transition to P-TECH?**

**A - New students entering P-TECH will attend a "Summer Welcome Event" that provides the chance to get acquainted with each other and to participate in activities that let them take the lead in developing their school's culture.**

**Q - Do P-TECH students take part in their home high school graduation?**

**A -Yes, students will be able to participate along with their peers during graduation, provided they fulfill the requirements of their Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma.**

**Q - What role do business/industry partners play?**

**A -Business partners will serve as mentors by providing students with work site visits, job shadowing, field experiences and more.**

