



The evolution of learning.

Are you looking for an enriched and cutting-edge education for your high school student? Look no further than West Ferris Intermediate and Secondary School's STEAM program!

Launched in 1992 as the ST-21 program, our program has evolved over the years to become a one-to-one MacBook program that focuses on project-based learning and the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics education.

In 2015, we rebranded as STEAM and were recognized by Apple as an Apple Distinguished Program for our leadership and educational excellence. We were then recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2017 to 2020, again from 2020 to 2024, and most recently from 2024 to 2027.

The Apple Distinguished Schools designation is reserved for programs that meet the criteria for innovation, leadership, and educational excellence, and that demonstrate Apple's vision of exemplary learning environments. Our STEAM students are co-learners with their peers and teachers using cutting-edge computer technologies, which encourages them to become critical thinkers, problem-solvers, and leaders.

Our program is open to students in grades 9-12, with free transportation included. We look for students who have a keen interest and demonstrated skill in the areas of math, science, and technology, as well as a commitment to developing a strong work ethic in and out of the classroom.

Students who choose to take STEAM will seamlessly complete all required credits in grades 9 and 10, allowing them the freedom to pursue any academic pathway they choose in grades 11 and 12 while still remaining part of the program.

Being an Apple Distinguished School helps to foster a cycle of innovation for our students and teachers. Our students and teachers use Apple products and programming on a regular basis and strive to be technology leaders both within our school and across our school district.

Don't miss out on this opportunity for your student to receive a top-notch education and develop critical skills for post-secondary education and employment. Apply to the STEAM program at West Ferris Secondary School today!



Distinguished School

Benefits of the STEAM Program

- Hands-on Learning Experience
- 21st-Century Skills Development
- Leadership Opportunities
- Creativity and Innovative Approach to Learning
- Transferable Skills for Future Careers
- Enhanced Digital Literacy
- Solid Academic Foundation
- Supportive Learning Environment
- Enhanced Engagement and Enjoyment
- Interdisciplinary Learning
- Use of Modern Technology
- Development of Collaboration and Teamwork Skills
- Exposure to Real-World Problems
- Greater Opportunities for Self-Directed Learning
- Leadership in Educational Technology
- Better Preparation for Higher Education
- Innovation-Focused Curriculum
- Learning with Like-Minded Students

We are now accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year.

Deadline for Applications: February 14, 2025

Notice of Acceptance: March 6, 2025

Apply to STEAM

If you have any questions about the STEAM program or the application process, please email the STEAM Coordinator at Brent.Yacoback@nearnorthschools.ca

*Note, busing is provided for all students that successfully enter this STEAM program at West Ferris Secondary School.