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INTERNATIONAL **EDUCATION**

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Welcome to Vancouver

The Vancouver School Board's (VSB) International Education Program gives students from outside of Canada the opportunity to study at a local school, to graduate with a Grade 12 diploma, or to study at summer school.



Vancouver School Board Schools

Vancouver schools welcome international students! Our schools offer high quality programs, dedicated teachers and excellent facilities.

- September- June school year



Foundation (required) courses follow provincial graduation requirements:

- English or communications
- social studies
- mathematics
- biology, chemistry and/or physics
- career planning



About Vancouver

- Set in the safe, beautiful, coastal city of Vancouver, Canada
- City Population: 1,900,000
- Climate Range: 5° to 27°C



- Excellent academic programs
- B.C. high school graduation or short-term study
- English as a second language instruction
- Welcoming local host families provide homestay, if requested

Secondary Schools

Students in Vancouver secondary schools can enroll in a wide variety of excellent academic, fine arts, language and computer studies programs. Secondary schools offer grades 8-12.

Vancouver schools offer many elective courses, depending on the school:

- history, geography, calculus, accounting, law
- band, strings orchestra, chorus, drama, dance, graphic arts, fashion design, film studies
- physical education, sports clubs
- French, Spanish, Japanese and Mandarin credit courses
- information technology, drafting and CAD credit courses

Students with strong academic achievement may study Advanced Placement courses in calculus, computer studies, literature, history and science at some schools.



Elementary Schools

The Vancouver School Board accepts some elementary student applications from parents who will live with their elementary aged child in Vancouver. Our elementary schools offer kindergarten to grade 7 in various locations. School placement is dependent on the child's English language ability, age and the location of the parent's Vancouver home.

Homestay Information

The Vancouver School Board offers international students aged 13 and over the opportunity to live with a Canadian family while enrolled in a Vancouver public school.

- Students learn about Canadian culture, lifestyle, customs and expectations.
- Homestay students are provided with a private bedroom, which includes study area, and three meals a day for a reasonable monthly fee.

Application Fee

- C\$200 for high school completion program
- C\$100 for short-term studies

Application Deadlines

May 31 for year-long program and mid-June for summer school. It is advisable to apply at least 3 months before the start of any program.



Support for International Students

- orientation for new students
- international student counsellor
- multilingual district staff
- access to multilingual doctors and dentists in Vancouver city
- district student excursions
- peer tutoring

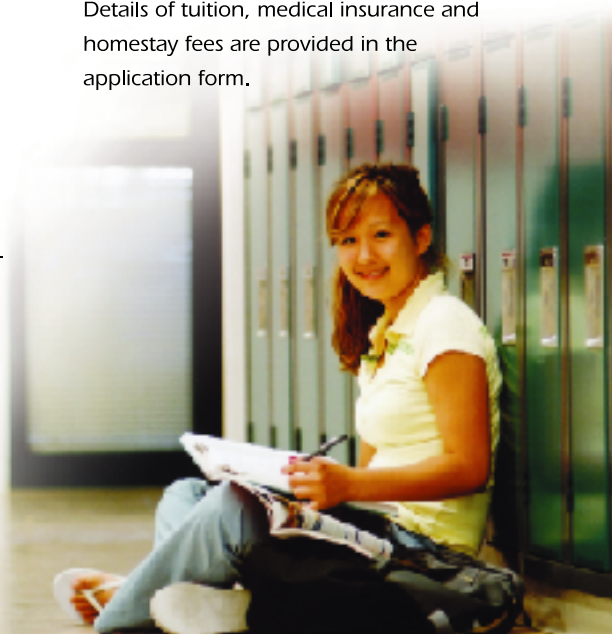
- Host parents can also provide custodianship for students, upon request.
- Students may apply to the homestay program after they are accepted to the VSB.

Admissions

- Students should have average or above-average academic achievement.
- Acceptance is not based on English proficiency. Students will be placed in school courses according to assessment results in English and mathematics.

Fees

Details of tuition, medical insurance and homestay fees are provided in the application form.





Summer School

Students may study with local Vancouver students at summer school in July and August where a broad range of courses are offered that include English, academic, recreational and cultural activities. Please contact the VSB office for the newest copy of the summer school brochure for international students.

Program Facts

Diploma: B.C. Secondary School

- Grades 8-12 (13 years old & up)
- Some elementary school placements (6 to 12 years old)
- Class Sizes: 20-30
- School Sizes: 400-2,000
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 20-30:1
- Calendar Year: September-June
- College/University Admission Link:
Students who successfully complete the requirements for Grade 12 graduation have the necessary qualifications to apply to most universities.



"The program is really good. I have made a lot of friends at Gladstone. My contact teacher really helps me a lot."

Yuri Sato (Japan),
Gladstone Secondary School



"The International Education Program has provided for me a comfortable and disciplined learning environment where I am able to concentrate on my studies."

Candy Ng (Hong Kong),
Prince of Wales Secondary School



"I have enjoyed attending Killarney School. It is a very large school, with lots of clubs and activities."

Jun-Hoon Park (Korea),
Killarney Secondary School



"With the help from teachers and classmates, I am able to contribute my energy and enthusiasm to the school and community. The experiences are unbelievable."

Tony Chang (Taiwan),
Lord Byng Secondary School



Recognition of Vancouver Education

- Credentials earned in the Vancouver school district are recognized worldwide.
- Check with your home country school first to ensure recognition and further requirements.

International Students

- Program Enrolment: about 900
- % of total District Enrolment: 1.4%
- Countries of Origin: students come from over 16 countries, including Hong Kong, Indonesia, Taiwan, Japan, U.S.A., Korea, China, Brazil, Germany, Thailand, Singapore and Mexico.

School Profiles

A detailed brochure of a particular secondary school is available upon request. Elementary school placement is limited in choice and depends on grade level and appropriate programs.





1. University Hill Secondary School

2896 Acadia Road

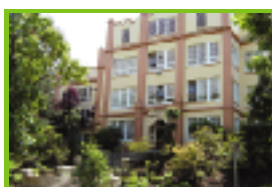
University Hill Secondary is situated in a naturally beautiful setting on the campus of the University of British Columbia. It is a small school which offers a strong drama program, and experiential learning. It is the only TESSI (Technology Enhanced Secondary Science Instruction) site in Vancouver. Since its inception, University Hill students have had a record of outstanding scholastic achievement. Four graduates have become Rhodes Scholars and many other graduated have received prestigious scholarships of the world's finest universities. The school has a population of 500 students.



2. Lord Byng Secondary School

3939 West 16th Avenue

Lord Byng is located on a nine-acre site including an indoor swimming and recreation centre, two kilometers from the University of British Columbia. Lord Byng is a comprehensive school with a population of 1100 students. It offers a full program, including advanced placement, business education, Spanish and French. The school has a special emphasis in theatre, orchestra and the visual arts. 67% of Byng's Grade 12 students graduated with Honours.



3. Kitsilano Secondary School

2550 West 10th Avenue

Located in the residential Kitsilano neighborhood, Kitsilano Secondary is a comprehensive school with 1450 students. It offers strong academic and athletic programs as well as a friendly, cooperative atmosphere. Students with special talents in sports, music and dance are accommodated with personally designed schedules. The students' average scores on Ministry of Education Grade 12 final examinations are above the city and provincial averages. Elective courses include music, art, graphic design, drama, animation and business education.



4. King George Secondary School

1755 Barclay Street

King George is a small school of 440 students near Stanley Park and downtown Vancouver. Its small size is one of its biggest assets. While the population is diverse, students are accepting of each other and there is a strong sense of community. King George offers a comprehensive academic program. Students may also choose electives in fine arts, business, information technology, CAD design, home economics, and physical education. Second language courses are offered in French and Mandarin.



5. Britannia Secondary School

1001 Cotton Drive

Britannia Secondary School is centrally located in Vancouver's most vibrant and ethnically diverse area. It is a true community school sharing an 18-acre complex that gives students access to some of the finest recreational facilities including a swimming pool, ice rink, racquet ball courts, fitness center and four gymnasiums. Britannia has approximately 1000 students and offers the International Baccalaureate Program which is recognized worldwide by universities. It is also the only high school to have three graduates recognized as the "BC High School Athlete of the Year". Other featured programs are band and drama.



6. Templeton Secondary School

727 Templeton Drive

Templeton Secondary School is a centre of learning excellence in Vancouver's northeastern sector. It has a student population of 1100. Templeton offers a fully comprehensive educational program. Students interested in drama, film/TV production or film studies may study here using Templeton's excellent facilities and production equipment. At Templeton, students may study advanced placement courses in English, calculus and physics. There are also a wide choice of sports clubs and visual and performing arts activities.



7. Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School

419 East 24th Avenue

Tupper is centrally located in the city. The campus has a track, playing fields, tennis courts, and extensive landscaping. It is a community of students drawn from around the world, characterized by a friendly staff and students. Tupper is a comprehensive school of 1200 students. To challenge the academic students, Advanced Placement (AP) is offered in computer studies, calculus, physics, chemistry, history, and literature. Second language courses are available in French, Spanish, Japanese, and Mandarin. Information Technology is offered throughout the curriculum as all departments are connected to the Wide Area Network (WAN) and have access to the library on-line.



8. Gladstone Secondary School

4105 Gladstone Street

Gladstone Secondary School is a diverse multicultural high school, with approximately 1440 students and 140 staff members. Special emphasis at Gladstone is given to choral music, dance, drama and journalism. Students learn about design in the province's first Design Access Computer Lab. Other elective areas are fashion design, electronics, robotics and photography. In the past three years, half of Gladstone's graduating students earned honours standing on provincial exams.



9. Vancouver Technical Secondary School

2600 East Broadway Avenue

Recognized by the Canadian Education Association as one of the twenty-one "exemplary" secondary schools in Canada, Vancouver Technical is a comprehensive secondary school enrolling 1700 students. It offers a diverse academic programs which includes Advanced Placement courses in English, French, calculus, chemistry, and physics; electives in business education, fine arts, home economics, graphic design, woodworking, metal craft, jewellery making, physical education, and technology education; second language instruction in English, French, Mandarin and Spanish. Extra-curricular opportunities for students include art, athletics, performing arts, and community service.



10. Windermere Secondary School

3155 East 27th Avenue

Windermere Secondary School provides education programs for 1330 students. The school provides honours, enriched, and Advanced Placement courses for highly motivated students. Elective courses are offered in art, drama, music, business education, information technology, foods, clothing, woodwork, electronics, drafting, and fashion design. Language instruction is offered in English, French, Mandarin, and Spanish. Windermere has an excellent Career Centre which assists students with career and post-secondary education choices. Many graduates have been recognized not only for academic achievement, but also for their contributions to the school and community.



11. Prince of Wales Secondary School

2250 Eddington Drive

Prince of Wales enrolls 1200 students and has a strong academic program. In 1998, 74% graduate with honours, and 34% of the graduates receive Provincial Scholarships. Students are encouraged to participate in a range of courses and activities to provide them with a well-rounded education. Elective courses include clothing and textiles, marketing, e-commerce, management, psychology, law, geography, art and graphic design. Band, chorus, jazz and music composition are also offered. Other student achievements have included provincial scholarships in table tennis, soccer, field hockey and rugby, award-winning one-act plays in drama, and the national finalist Robotics Team for the past three years.



12. Point Grey Secondary School

5350 East Boulevard

Point Grey Secondary School, located in the Kerrisdale area, is housed in a distinctive building bordered by a fine track and field facility, tennis courts and an ice arena. With approximately 1340 students, it offers numerous opportunities for student involvement and leadership through curricular and extra curricular activities. Point Grey has a proud tradition of excellence in the three As: Arts, Athletics, and Academics. Modern language programs include French, Japanese and Spanish. Point Grey also offers courses in calculus, visual art and design, drama, stagecraft, choir and band.



13. Magee Secondary School

6360 Maple Street

Situated in a residential community, Magee is a largely academic comprehensive school of 1200 students. Many students participate in Magee's acclaimed music and choir programs, and the Performing Athletic and Arts Program (SPARTS). Advanced Placement courses are offered in chemistry, biology, calculus, physics and computer studies. A high percentage of graduating students continue to study at the post-secondary level.



14. Eric Hamber Secondary School

5025 Willow Street

Eric Hamber is located in the Oakridge area between Van Dusen Gardens and Queen Elizabeth Park. Eric Hamber is a comprehensive secondary school with approximately 1620 students. It offers an excellent academic program which includes options to both support and challenge students including Advanced Placement. The fine arts include the band, choir and strings programs and drama. Each year, approximately 60% of the Eric Hamber Grade 12 class graduates with honours standing.



15. John Oliver Secondary School

530 East 41st Avenue

John Oliver is a vibrant and friendly high school. The diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds of 1250 students form the foundation for the school's work in developing world citizens. A comprehensive educational program includes enriched, honours and Advanced Placement courses, and opportunities in academics, arts, athletics, and practical skills. John Oliver students win awards and scholarships in many fields and John Oliver's strong and varied athletic program has supported championship teams over the years. Elective courses include: drafting and design, web page design, marketing, electronics, French, Spanish, Mandarin, law, art, choir, drama and band.



16. South Hill School

6010 Fraser Street

South Hill offers an excellent secondary education program for students who are 18 years of age or over. It enrolls over 4000 students in full or part-time studies in a quarter system (9-week terms). As at college or university, students may plan an educational program that meets their scheduling needs. A complete program of academic courses is available. The Career Centre has many resources available to students that include a variety of career and educational options. The school also has a drop-in centre that provides specialized computer programs and tutoring support for academic courses.



17. David Thompson Secondary School

1755 East 55th Avenue

David Thompson is a comprehensive school of 1850 students. Staff and students are proud of the school and its beautifully landscaped grounds. Thompson emphasizes strong academics, student leadership and service to others. Its students won numerous Math awards that included 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placements in Canada and North America. Course electives include: strings, fine arts, marketing, entrepreneurship, webpage design, drafting and design, engineering and robotics. Three science teachers have also received the Prime Minister's Award of Excellence in Teaching.



18. Killarney Secondary School

6454 Killarney Street

Killarney Secondary is a dynamic, comprehensive school with approximately 2000 students. It features a strong academic program with elective courses including electronic piano keyboard, music composition, business education, entrepreneurship, jewellery making, clothing and textiles, food studies and technical studies. Killarney has the city's largest and most varied fine arts program, featuring an internationally recognized music program in band, choral and strings, and award winning programs in arts, graphics and drama.



19. Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School

7055 Heather Street

Churchill is a comprehensive school located in the Oakridge area with approximately 2000 students. It offers a rich and varied program that includes traditional academic courses as well as many special programs such as French Immersion, peer tutoring, and a "buddy program" for junior students - new to the large high school environment. In recent years, three Churchill teachers received the Prime Minister's Awards of Excellence in Teaching. Many students each year are recognized for their academic achievements.

A WORLD OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



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