



# SMG CANADA

## Academic Year Program In Canada

The Academic Year Program in Canada offers students the opportunity to spend time studying and increasing their cultural knowledge in some of the most beautiful places in North America. Canada offers a safe, peaceful and friendly environment boasting and education system that ranks amongst the best in the world.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### Program Highlights:

- ▶ All levels of English accepted
- ▶ Students chose the city and school they wish to attend
- ▶ Graduation and CoValidation are both available
- ▶ Personalized home stays, academic schedules, and extra curricular activities

### Central Okanagan School District

The Central Okanagan School District is located in the south central mountains of British Columbia. With a population of over 160,000 the Okanagan valley is one of the most populated regions in British Columbia. This area is famous for its wineries, orchards, golf courses, and ski resorts which all contribute to its number one industry, tourism. Okanagan Lake is ideally located in a valley of the central mountains which are famous for winter activities such as skiing and snowboarding. The central Okanagan is considered one of the best places to live in Canada as the lake regulates the climate keeping the valley relatively temperate. The winters are short and mild with the temperature rarely falling below freezing while the summers are long and remain quite warm. This district offers specialized academies which allow students to earn credits while learning and practicing their favorite sports.

**Kelowna Senior Secondary** is centrally located in the middle of the city. KSS has a population of 1900 students throughout grades 10-12. The school offers some unusual courses such as Robotics, American Sign Language and Philosophy. Sports include Golf, Rugby, Field Hockey, Football, Volleyball, Swimming, Basketball, Sailing, Rowing, Skiing and Snowboarding and Tennis.

**Rutland Senior Secondary** is also located in the city center and has a student population of 1600 students in grades 10-12. This school offers a number of AP courses and many technical programs. Some of its more popular courses include Marine Biology, Robotics, Automotive, Radio and Television Arts and Commuter Arts and Animation. The school also has a Forestry and Aviation Technology Program. Sports include Golf, Rugby, Football, Field Hockey, Track and Field, Volleyball, Swimming, Basketball and Tennis. Rutland Secondary is home to hockey skills academy housing an arena with two rinks.

**Mount Boucherie Secondary** school is located on the west side of the city. It has a population of about 1500 students in grades 10 through 12. While providing a wide range of academic courses like Science, business and, liberal arts, it also offers quite a few specialized programs. Some of these include the Culinary Arts, Hair Dressing Program, and Fire Fighting Academy.

**George Elliot Secondary** school is located just outside of the city and has a smaller student population. They have about 950 students attend grades 8 through 12. Courses include Marine Biology, World History, Dance, Theatre and Fine Arts. The school also offers a Fire Fighting course. Sports include Track and Field, Volleyball, Basketball and Tennis.

**Okanagan Mission Secondary** school is home to approximately 1000 students throughout grade 8-12. OKM sponsors a number of sports that play competitively at high levels both locally and provincially. OKM realizes the need to provide innovative and flexible scheduling that allows for its students to maximize their personal strengths. Honors and AP programs, High Performance support for elite athletes and fine arts performers, Hockey Canada Skills Academy, Soccer Academy and the Lake O'Hara wilderness experience are among these many opportunities. The OKM music program is also one of the most successful in the province.







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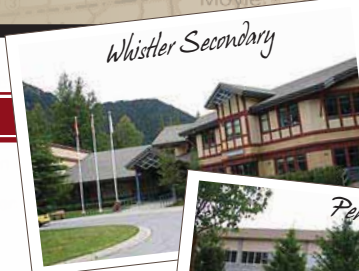
## Sea to Sky School District

The beautiful Sea to Sky school district is located just north of Vancouver encompassing the three small towns of Squamish, Pemberton, and the host of the 2010 Olympics, Whistler. Sea to Sky offers a great range of school sizes and community lifestyles to choose from. All four schools have libraries, computer laboratories, gymnasiums, art, band, theatre and fully operational science labs. The international students are also given many opportunities to take field trips on the weekends and holidays. They have group days at the mountains, hiking and kayaking adventures, and even get to go visit the big city (Vancouver).

**Whistler Secondary** is located in a densely populated suburb with a permanent population of about 10,000. Whistler is an absolute dream to any student that enjoys winter activities. Whistler Secondary however has a small town feel to it considering its student population of 375. Even though it is quite small, the staff at Whistler Secondary has been able to retain many of the sports and electives that are offered in larger high schools. Some of the sports include soccer, golf, and tennis. Electives such as drawing, painting, choir, and other fine arts are some of the choices students have.

**Pemberton Secondary**, which is located about 45 minutes north of Whistler, offers a great community for the students who wish to experience a more rural home stay. Although Pemberton is a rural community, it provides students with the opportunity to spend their weekends at Whistler. Pemberton has about 300 students attending grades 8-12.

**Howe Sound Secondary** is one of two schools located in Squamish. Ideally located an hour north of Vancouver and an hour south of Whistler, Squamish truly is the best of both worlds. Students can easily take a bus to either the city or the mountain on the weekend. Squamish also boasts the largest student population. Howe Sound secondary has 800 students.



## Rocky Mountain School District

Located within Canada's famous Rocky Mountains, the Rocky Mountain school district has been hosting international students since 1987. The district consists of three towns (population), Kimberley (7000), Invermere (3000), and Golden (3000). This area is great for students who truly love the outdoors. Each of the three high schools is located in a resort community with a world-class ski resort. In the summer, the ski resorts transform into a paradise for any person that enjoys mountain biking, hiking and golfing. Many sport and hobby specific programs such as Outdoor education, Ski patrol, equine studies, hockey academy, and soccer academy are offered as well. The Rocky Mountain school district also offers a great weekend activity program at no additional cost to all its international students. Some of the events include: white water rafting, learn to ski and snowboard, and weekend trips away to Banff, Jasper, Calgary, and Edmonton.

**Selkirk Secondary** school is located within walking distance of the Kimberley Alpine resort. This gives every student easy access to the mountain all year round. With a student population of about 450, Selkirk is able to offer all of the traditional academic programs while maintaining some of its own unique electives such as equine studies, forensics, law, drafting, metals, and automotive shop. Sports offered: Soccer, badminton, skiing and snowboarding, track and field, and swimming.

**Golden Secondary** school is located in the northern part of the district where the Rocky Mountains produce some of their highest elevations. World-famous Kicking Horse Ski Resort is about 10 minutes from town. Golden Secondary has about 400 students. Electives such as equine studies, ski patrol, and fire academy are offered. Sports offered include volleyball, soccer, basketball, golf, swimming, track and field, ice and rock climbing.

**David Thompson Secondary** is the largest school in the district hosting close to 600 students from grades 8-12. Recently built, David Thompson Secondary is an architecturally impressive campus located just 20 minutes from Panorama ski resort. Some of its unique offerings are the onsite greenhouse, full production theatre, and chef training program. Sports, such as baseball, cross country running, and curling compliment the traditional offering of sports like volleyball, basketball, golf, and badminton. Unique academic course offerings include accounting, music composition, and digital media.

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