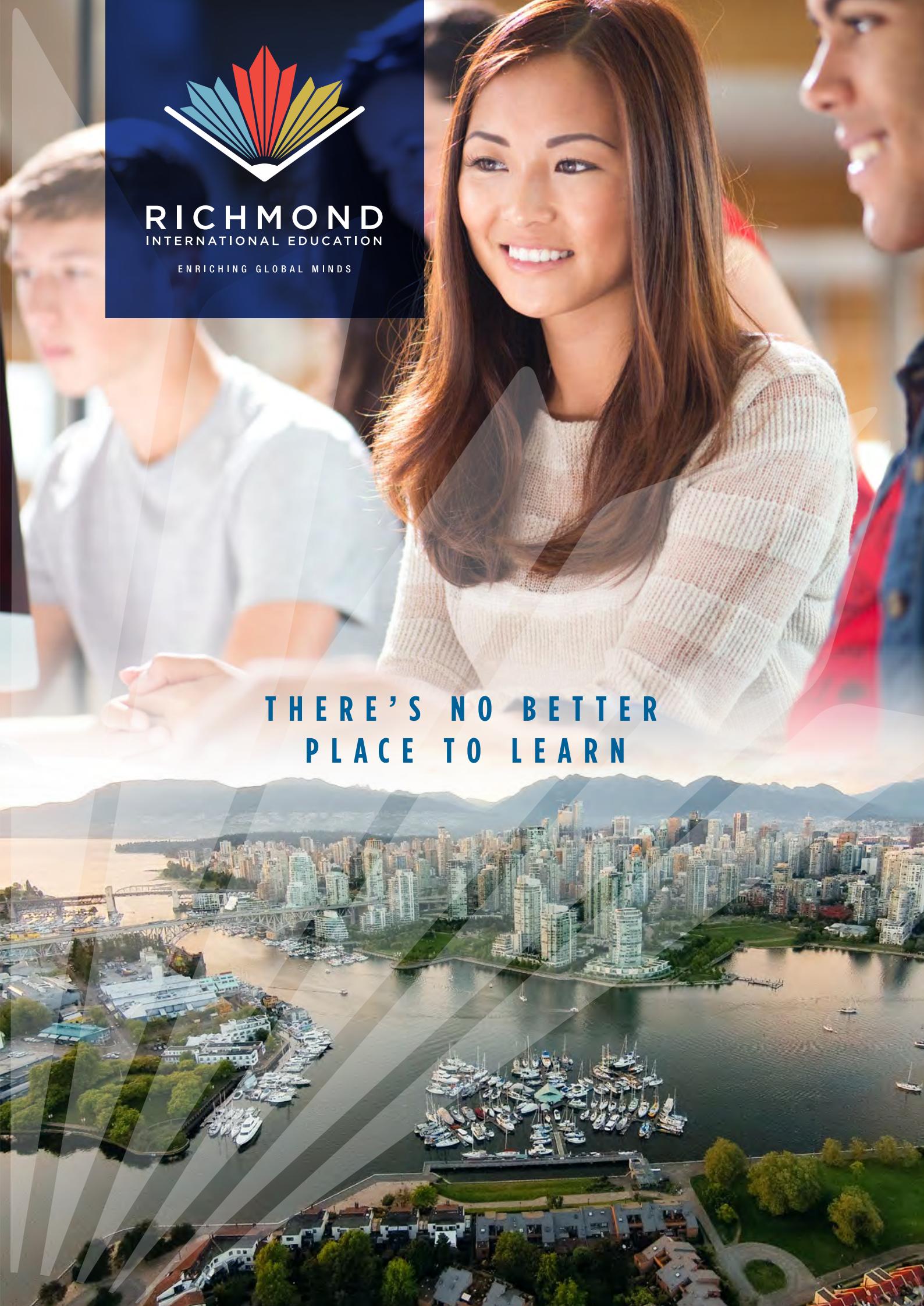




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# RICHMOND



## RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

### Academic Excellence

- Outstanding graduation rates for international students
- Highest university entrance rate in BC
- Exemplary English Language Learning (ELL) programs

### About Richmond

- Diverse, family-oriented community
- 22-minute commute to downtown Vancouver, 45 minutes to the local ski hills, 20 minutes to the Vancouver Island bound ferry terminal, and 30 minutes to the US border
- One of the safest communities in Canada with the lowest crime rate in Metro Vancouver
- Home of the Vancouver International Airport (YVR)
- Enjoys Canada's highest life expectancy
- Home to 14 of the top 100 high tech companies in BC
- Economy based on aviation, IT, biotechnology, education, and tourism

### Community

- Welcoming community with supports for international learners
- Active environment with many local community centres and clubs
- Excellent shopping and world class restaurants

### Richmond City, Metro Vancouver

Richmond, co-host of the 2010 Olympic Games, is an award-winning city situated in the Metro Vancouver area. Richmond is known for its inclusive and integrated multicultural community, having a high standard of living and quality of life.

Richmond is perfectly located near some of the world's best outdoor activities, but there is so much more to do! When not at school, students can enjoy:

- The Olympic Oval
- Watermania Waterpark
- Laser tag and an indoor trampoline park
- Movie theaters
- Night markets
- Modern malls and shopping



# OVERVIEW

## Richmond School District Overview

Since 1998, the Richmond School District, through its Richmond International Education (RIE) department, has welcomed and helped thousands of international students from over 30 countries obtain a world-class education while studying in our public schools.

## Richmond Schools – Quick Facts

- 5th largest public school district in the province of British Columbia (BC)
- Consistently one of the highest graduation rates in BC
- Provincial government accredited public school district
- Provincial government-certified, professional teachers
- Diverse elective courses and specialty programs including engineering, broadcasting, graphic design, Advance Placement, IB, and fine arts
- A leader in English Language Learning (ELL) assessment, curriculum, development and student achievement

## Program Options

- Great variety of academic program options
- IB and AP programs
- Specialty courses in many areas from engineering to stage craft

## Student Support

- In house homestay department
- International student coordinators at each secondary school
- In school academic counsellors
- RIE office managers available for language, guidance and transition issues

## Student Clubs

Each school has a number of clubs to join, from the school council to dance and robotics clubs! International students are encouraged to join clubs and teams to make friends and learn outside of the classroom.



# PROGRAMS

## Programs Overview

Richmond offers a wide variety of programs to accommodate a range of interests and needs. Individual students from kindergarten to grade 12 can choose a number of program options, from three weeks to one or more years.

## Academic Programs

Academic programs are available for students who want to earn credit for courses, either in Canada or in their home country. Programs begin in September or February.

- RIE Academic Semester Programs – 5 months
- RIE Academic Year Programs – 10 months
- RIE Graduation Programs – 1.5 years or more

## Non-Academic Programs

Students who want to practice and develop English in an authentic Canadian environment can choose from one of our non-academic programs.

- Summer Camps – 3 or 6 week programs for students aged 6 to 18
- Canadian School Experience Program – 1 to 3-month program for students wishing to have a Canadian school and English language immersion experience

## Other Programs

- Professional Learning Programs – Customized on-shore and off-shore group programs for education professionals
- Customized Group Programs – Year round customized short-term and long-term programs to meet your group's age, abilities, interests, and educational goals
- Connections – an after-school program for secondary students wishing to develop English and social connections outside the classroom.

## English Language Learning (ELL) Support

Across Canada, Richmond is considered the leading school district in the development of ELL curriculum and assessment. International students in Richmond schools have been successful in obtaining a high level of English fluency while completing their schooling at the same time. Year after year our ELL student graduation and completion rates lead the province of British Columbia.





# SCHOOL



## Overview of Secondary Schools

Students from grade 8 to grade 12 can become part of a Canadian high school community in our academic or non-academic programs. Richmond has 10 public secondary schools, each offering academic and elective programming for students with a range of goals and interests. Example of options include:

### PROGRAMS & COURSES

IB Diploma and Certificate  
IB Middle Years Programme  
Advanced Placement in Sciences, Mathematics, Modern Languages, English and Theatre Arts  
Leadership  
Chef training/culinary arts  
Music composition  
Law and Social Justice  
Information Technology  
Business and Marketing  
Accounting and Economics  
Environmental Sustainability  
Computer Assisted Drafting, Design and Digital Animation

Engineering Design

Ceramics and Sculpture  
Modern Languages  
Fashion Design  
Automotive Technology

### ATHLETICS

Basketball  
Volleyball  
Soccer  
Tennis  
Track and Field  
Badminton  
Field Hockey  
Ultimate Frisbee  
Golf  
Football  
Rugby  
Swimming

## Facilities

All 10 Richmond secondary schools are large modern facilities with upgraded amenities such as gyms, automated resource centres, PC & MAC computer labs, WiFi connections, science labs, theatres and performance areas. Richmond students enjoy one of the highest levels of computer accessibility in the province of British Columbia.

## Elementary Schools

Students from kindergarten to grade 7 (ages 5 to 12) can join one of our 38 elementary schools on a short or long term basis when accompanied by a parent/legal guardian and when seats are available. Students can enjoy small classes, exploratory classes in physical education, music, and arts while developing English language skills and fluency at the same time.



EXPLORE



## Homestay

International students have the option of staying with a typical West Coast, urban Canadian family while studying in Richmond public schools. Families are carefully selected and prepared to ensure the best possible match for both the international students and the homestay families. Providing homestay and Canadian cultural immersion experiences to students are priorities for Richmond International Education.

### RIE Homestay Includes:

- Private room with a local family
- All meals and snacks
- Pick up and drop off at the YVR airport
- An English-speaking environment
- A friendly and welcoming environment that will help students transition to life in Canada
- Immersion in a typical West Coast, urban, Canadian lifestyle

### How to Apply

Apply online at  
[www.studyinrichmond.sd38.bc.ca](http://www.studyinrichmond.sd38.bc.ca)



# RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The Richmond School District has 10 secondary schools (grades 8 to 12) for students to choose from. All offer academic courses required for graduation in British Columbia, such as Social Science, Math, English and Science. This strong academic foundation is coupled with a range of elective and specialty programs that include middle and senior years International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP), International Languages, Music, Visual Arts and Theatre. Students can also access PC and MAC computer and science labs, gymnasiums, outdoor athletic fields, music rooms, visual arts studios and libraries.

*Students can join our long-term programs in September or February.*

**HUGH BOYD  
SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
[boyd.sd38.bc.ca](http://boyd.sd38.bc.ca)



**Enrollment:** up to 850

**Timetable:** Linear (September to June)

Hugh Boyd is a vibrant school located next to the West Richmond Community Centre. As a medium sized school, Hugh Boyd offers a warm and caring environment with links to the local community through special annual events and numerous charitable campaigns. Boyd is one of two schools that has an International Baccalaureate approved program.

**Unique Programs and Courses:**

- International Baccalaureate – Middle Years Programme
- Drafting - Architecture and Habit Design
- Advanced Placement
- Multimedia/Video Production
- Photography
- Jazz Band
- Music

# SECONDARY SCHOOLS

## JOHN NAPIER (J.N.) BURNETT SECONDARY SCHOOL

jnburnett.sd38.bc.ca



## HENRY JAMES (H.J.) CAMBIE SECONDARY SCHOOL

hjcambie.sd38.bc.ca



## ALLAN ROY (A.R.) MacNEILL SECONDARY SCHOOL

macneill.sd38.bc.ca



**Enrollment:** up to 1200

**Timetable:** Semester (September to January, February to June)

Burnett is a semestered school that offers a wide variety of course options and extracurricular activities. Burnett also focuses on student development through two conferences per year to concentrate on social responsibility and career awareness. The school has a long standing relationship with several sister schools and a long history of student exchanges. Burnett staff are committed to creating a learning environment that encourages students to set goals for themselves and strive towards individual excellence in a range of strong academic programs

### Unique Programs and Courses:

- Yearbook journalism
- Animation
- Computer Science
- Physics
- Health Sciences
- Music
- Psychology

**Enrollment:** up to 900

**Timetable:** Linear (September to June)

Cambie is physically attached to the East Richmond Community Centre and enjoys an inclusive and diverse student community. Cambie has an outstanding reputation for both athletics and academics, with an award winning robotics club and many provincial championships in Badminton, Table Tennis and Volleyball.

### Unique Programs and Courses:

- Accounting
- Honors Mathematics
- Mandarin
- Entrepreneurship
- Photography
- Recreational Leadership
- Jazz Band and Vocals

**Enrollment:** up to 950

**Timetable:** Linear (September to June)

MacNeill is focused on individual learning styles and flexible class options. Students at MacNeill have the option of choosing one of three intermediate academies that reflect their learning style and interests. Although MacNeill has a linear timetable, students can take two levels of a subject in one year, similar to a semester system.

### Unique Programs and Courses:

- Fine Arts, Design and Media
- Citizenship/Leadership
- Computer Programming
- Guitar
- Car and Concepts Fabrication
- Law
- Robotics

**ROBERT ALEXANDER (R.A.) McMATH  
SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
[mcmath.sd38.bc.ca](http://mcmath.sd38.bc.ca)



**MATTHEW McNAIR  
SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
[mcnair.sd38.bc.ca](http://mcnair.sd38.bc.ca)



**HUGH McROBERTS  
SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
[mcroberts.sd38.bc.ca](http://mcroberts.sd38.bc.ca)



**Enrollment:** up to 1250

**Timetable:** Linear (September to June)

McMath is a large, dual-track school offering instruction in English or French. McMath is located in the historical Steveston area of Richmond and offers a range of extracurricular activities, including: Athletics, Fine Arts and Student Leadership. Members of the school community are encouraged to strive for their personal best as citizens, leaders and life-long learners.

**Unique Programs and Courses:**

- Explorations (grade 8 to 10 enrichment program)
- Leadership
- Financial Management
- Digital Media
- Theatre Performance
- Jazz Band
- French Immersion

**Enrollment:** up to 950

**Timetable:** Semester (September to January; February to June)

McNair is a mid-sized school with a wide variety of program offerings. The school offers "The Mini-School" Program for motivated students from grade 8 to 12. The program focuses on enriched academics, leadership and outdoor education. In addition to this, McNair offers an array of excellent visual arts and culinary programming.

**Unique Programs and Courses:**

- Mini School - enrichment program
- Culinary Arts Training
- Environmental Science
- Strings Orchestra, Concert Band and Jazz Band
- Directing and Scriptwriting
- Auto mechanics
- Stagecraft/Theatre Production

**Enrollment:** up to 1150

**Timetable:** Linear (September to June)

McRoberts is one of two secondary schools that offers both English and French instruction to students who wish to learn an additional language. McRoberts has a long and well established tradition of academic excellence, athletics and community involvement. Students can choose from extra-curricular activities in arts, athletics and human services and have the opportunity to travel around the world to enhance their learning objectives.

**Unique Programs and Courses:**

- Animations
- Human Services
- Photography
- Economics
- Industrial Design
- Directing and Scriptwriting
- French Immersion

# SECONDARY SCHOOLS

## ROBERT CECIL (R.C.) PALMER SECONDARY SCHOOL

[palmer.sd38.bc.ca](http://palmer.sd38.bc.ca)



## RICHMOND SECONDARY SCHOOL

[rhs.sd38.bc.ca](http://rhs.sd38.bc.ca)



## STEVESTON-LONDON SECONDARY SCHOOL

[slss.sd38.bc.ca](http://slss.sd38.bc.ca)



**Enrollment:** up to 750

**Timetable:** Linear (September to June)

Palmer is a small school with a family feel. This translates into a close community of students and teachers with a strong focus on extracurricular activities. Many Palmer students participate in at least one extracurricular activity, such as athletics, intramurals, drama and other activities that promote leadership and social connections.

### Unique Programs and Courses:

- AP Psychology
- Leadership
- Accounting
- Drafting-CADD
- Fashion Design and Merchandizing
- Law
- Marketing
- Japanese Exchange (JAX)

**Enrollment:** up to 1250

**Timetable:** Linear (September to June)

Richmond Secondary is located near downtown Richmond. The school strives to provide a welcoming learning environment for students from a variety of backgrounds and with a variety of interests. The school offers programs and activities that challenge students to achieve their personal best and to become self-reliant, productive members of an ever-changing society.

### Unique Programs and Courses:

- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme
- Chef Training
- Global Perspectives
- Metal Fabrication
- Physical Education Leadership
- Printing and Photography

**Enrollment:** up to 1250

**Timetable:** Semester (September to January; February to June)

Steveston-London is a large, newly renovated facility on the south end of Richmond. The school aims to provide a caring, relevant and engaging environment to enable all students to develop their ability to think critically and independently. SLSS offers specialty courses rarely offered at a secondary level.

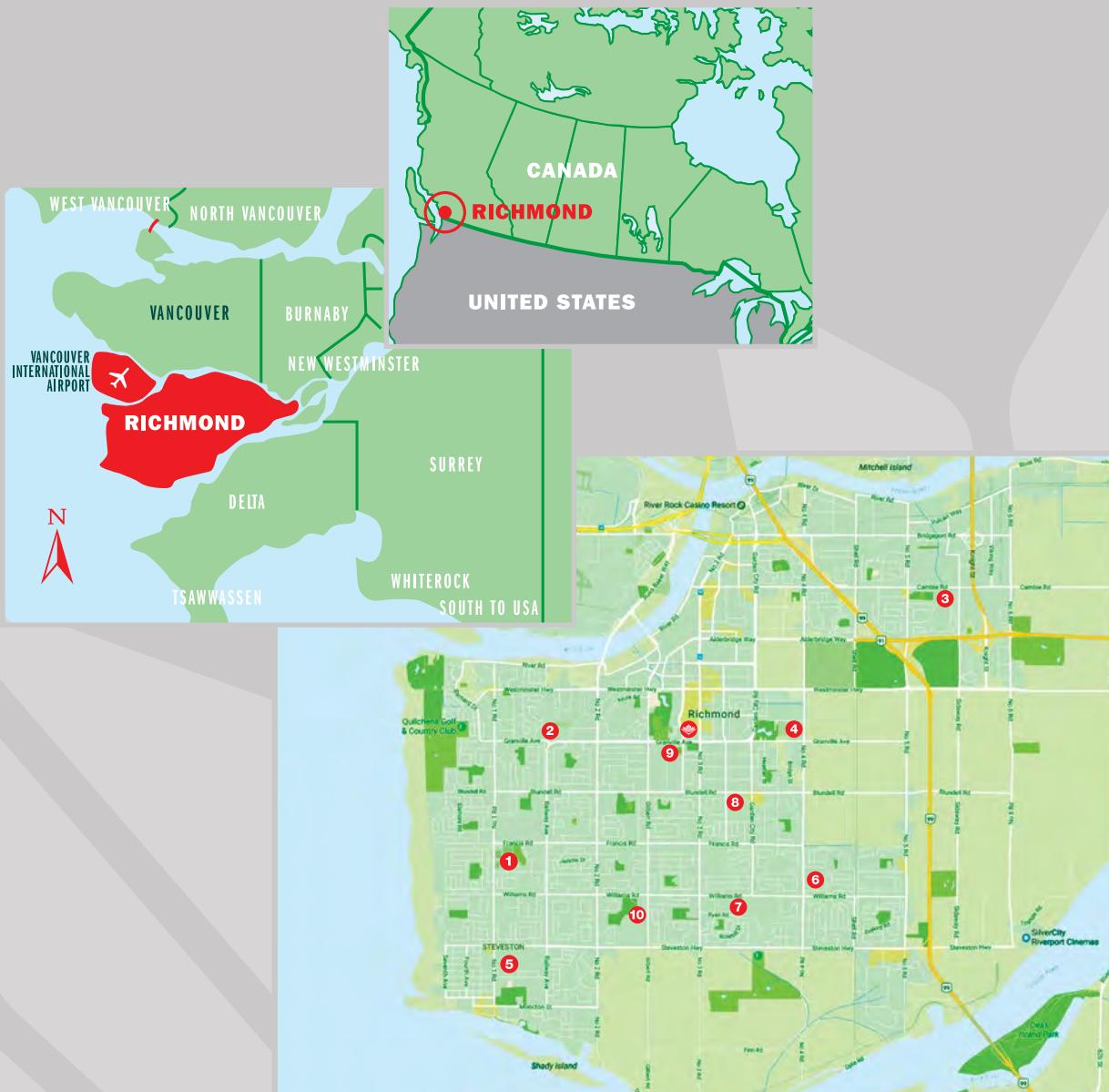
### Unique Programs and Courses:

- Broadcasting and Recording Arts
- Art and Metal Art
- Engineering
- Marketing
- Geology
- Multimedia and Technology

# SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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-  Richmond International Education
-  Hugh Boyd Secondary School
-  John Napier (J.N.) Burnett Secondary School
-  Henry James (H.J.) Cambie Secondary School
-  Allan Roy (A.R.) MacNeill Secondary School
-  Robert Alexander (R.A.) McMath Secondary School
-  Matthew McNair Secondary School
-  Hugh McRoberts Secondary School
-  Robert Cecil (R.C.) Palmer Secondary School
-  Richmond Secondary School
-  Steveston-London Secondary School



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