

ELECTIVES



RMISP's high schools offer many unique, special-interest classes popular with international students. Some examples include Outdoor Education, Forensic Science, Chef Training, Astronomy, Guitar, Theatre Performance, Ski Patrol, Studio Arts, Media Arts, Photography, SuperFit, Music Composition and Technology, Hockey Skill Development, Concert and Jazz Band, Concert and Vocal Jazz Choir, Theatre Production, Drama Film & Television, and Visual Arts & Media Technology.

Not all courses are available at all schools and/or in every semester. Confirm availability with RMISP.

SPORTS TEAMS AND CLUBS



All seven RMISP high schools are well known for their athletic departments and competitive sports teams. Fun clubs and recreational sports are also available. Popular school sports teams may include soccer, volleyball, basketball, rugby, ski/snowboard, baseball, golf, cross-country running, curling, and swimming. Clubs may include robotics, mountain biking, rock climbing, badminton, weight training, and tennis.

RMISP EXPERIENCE

RMISP is best known for its amazing Experience Schedule. RMISP organizes a wide variety of activities, events, and trips that are strategically scheduled to maximize each student's stay in Canada.



INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

RMISP sponsors monthly activities, events, and trips for which no additional fees are charged. Examples include river rafting, Calgary trip, hike to a hot springs, curling, ski/snowboard day, dog-sledding, West Edmonton Mall trip, winter camping, canoe/kayak day, and a farewell beach party. The schedule is subject to change each year. It is designed to provide students with an experience each month and in many cases Canadian students are invited to participate as well.



The program also sponsors multiple local activities (usually 2 – 4 per school year) in each community. Past examples include gold panning, a pro rodeo, golfing, orienteering, and rock climbing.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

RMISP arranges several annual experiences that require additional fees. The schedule of these optional experiences is subject to change. Some past examples include NHL hockey games, trips to the Columbia Icefields, winter camping at Blue Lake, CFL football games, zip-lining at Canada Olympic Park, and international boat cruises in Waterton Lakes National Park.

WHY RMISP?

PEOPLE



The RMISP team is committed to making your stay in Canada the experience of a lifetime! We love where we live and can't wait to share it with you. RMISP has dedicated Homestay Coordinators in each of its seven host communities. They work closely with our host families and school administrators to provide our students with the care and support necessary to ensure every student maximizes their time in Canada.

PLACES



The RMISP region of British Columbia is the ultimate backdrop for your study-abroad experience. Live and learn in one of the most beautiful places on the planet! In addition to world-class ski resorts and an abundance of outdoor recreation opportunities, the host communities of Revelstoke, Golden, Invermere, Kimberley, Cranbrook, Fernie, and Sparwood offer international students an authentic Canadian cultural experience.

POINTS



Invest in yourself and earn a trip to Vancouver! The Rocky Rewards program encourages international students to take their study-abroad experience to the next level. Participants earn points for participating in school clubs and sports, volunteering at school and in their communities, participating in community events, and getting good work habits grades on their report cards. Students who earn enough points are rewarded with a free trip to Vancouver at the end of the school year!



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RMISP WELCOMES THE WORLD



The Rocky Mountain International Student Program (RMISP) welcomes students from around the world to its public schools in Revelstoke, Golden, Invermere, Kimberley, Cranbrook, Fernie, and Sparwood in beautiful British Columbia, Canada. RMISP manages the international student programs in three BC public school districts: School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay), School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain), and School District No. 19 (Revelstoke).

The RMISP region of BC is home to some of the best outdoor recreation opportunities in North America. The area includes four national parks (Glacier, Mount Revelstoke, Kootenay, and Yoho), and borders on internationally-renowned Banff National Park. The area has become one of Canada's top golf destinations and is also well known for adventure sports like kayaking, mountain biking, river rafting, hiking, and rock climbing. The RMISP region is most famous for its ski resorts, three of which rank in the top ten in North America. Other attractions in the area include Fort Steele Heritage Town, Emerald Lake, Radium Hot Springs, the Burgess Shale fossil field, Fairmont Hot Springs, and Takakkaw Falls.

RMISP LOCATIONS

RMISP is located on the warm side of the world-famous Rocky Mountains in the Kootenay Rockies tourism region of British Columbia, Canada. RMISP places students in seven host communities in this amazing area.



REVELSTOKE

Revelstoke is an active community situated on the edge of Mount Revelstoke National Park and just west of world-famous Glacier National Park. The city is home to about 8000 people and is well known for its access to outdoor recreation activities, particularly those involving mountains and snow! Revelstoke Mountain Resort is now globally known for its amazing powder and for having the largest vertical descent of any ski area in North America.

GOLDEN

Golden is located three hours west of Calgary and has a population of about 4000 people. It is nestled between the Purcell and Rocky Mountain ranges. Tourists from all over the planet visit Golden for the area's world-class outdoor recreation. Golden is home to Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, often ranked as one of the top-ten ski resorts in North America.



INVERMERE



Invermere is a lakeside resort community with a population of about 3,000 people in the town and 10,000 in the surrounding area. It is the economic centre of the Columbia Valley and boasts many unique, vibrant shops and services. Panorama Mountain Resort is about 20 minutes west of Invermere and is serviced by a free shuttle during ski season.

KIMBERLEY

Kimberley is a four-season resort community located on the slopes of the Purcell Mountain Range across the valley from the world-famous Rocky Mountains. The town has approximately 7000 people and is located about 20 minutes from Cranbrook, the region's largest city. The Kimberley Alpine Resort is located within city limits and it is easily accessible to students. Other local amenities include an indoor aquatic centre, two hockey arenas, and an indoor rock-climbing gym.



CRANBROOK



Cranbrook has a population of 25,000 and services a surrounding area of nearly 50,000 people. It offers most of the services found in much larger cities including an international airport, shopping malls, block stores, College of the Rockies, city buses, movie theatres, fitness gyms, a 4,500-seat arena, an aquatic centre and other excellent recreation facilities. Cranbrook is located about 25 minutes from the Kimberley Alpine Resort.



FERNIE

Fernie has a population of 5,500 people. It has a beautiful, historic downtown area, an indoor aquatic centre, a hockey arena, the Fernie Arts Station, and many trendy restaurants, coffee shops and stores. The Fernie Alpine Resort is about 10 minutes from the town and is world famous for its powder skiing.



SPARWOOD



The community of Sparwood has a population of about 4000 people and is located less than 30 minutes from Fernie and the Fernie Alpine Resort. Sparwood is one of the highest-elevation towns in Canada and is known for the coal mining that takes place on a large scale in the nearby mountains.

RMISP HIGH SCHOOLS

REVELSTOKE SECONDARY SCHOOL



Revelstoke Secondary School (RSS) is a Grade 8 - 12 high school with approximately 400 students. Built in 2011, RSS is in a newer building with a 250-seat theatre and oversized gymnasium. The school is well known for its track and field program and swim team.

GOLDEN SECONDARY SCHOOL



Golden Secondary School (GSS) is a medium-sized school with approximately 325 students in Grades 8 - 12. GSS has been hosting international students for eight years and hosts between 20 - 30 international students at a time. The school offers a wide variety of elective courses including its well-known and highly-regarded Outdoor Education class and the PTP ski patrol certification course. French Immersion is available at GSS.

DAVID THOMPSON SECONDARY SCHOOL



David Thompson Secondary School (DTSS) is located in Invermere and has about 425 students in Grades 8 - 12. DTSS usually hosts between 15 - 20 international students. The campus is modern and spacious and includes a greenhouse, commercial kitchen, and restaurant-like cafeteria (the Rocky Mountain Café) linked to its well-known chef-training and culinary arts classes.

SELKIRK SECONDARY SCHOOL



Selkirk Secondary School (SSS) in Kimberley has one of the oldest and most highly-regarded international student programs in Canada. Students from around the world have been attending Selkirk since the 1980s. Selkirk has a population of about 400 students in Grades 8 - 12 and hosts between 30 - 40 international students at a time. The school offers several unique elective courses that are very popular with international students including Outdoor Education and Forensic Science. There is also an ice hockey skills development class.

MOUNT BAKER SECONDARY SCHOOL



Mount Baker Secondary School (MBSS) is located in Cranbrook. It has a population of approximately 900 students in Grades 10 - 12. MBSS is RMISP's largest high

school and usually hosts 30 - 40 international students each year. The school offers a wide variety of academic and elective courses including popular Fine Arts classes like Music Composition and Technology, Theatre Production, Theatre Performance, Drama Film & Television, and Visual Arts & Media Technology. MBSS makes use of the 600-seat Key City Theatre for concerts and performances. French Immersion is available at MBSS.

FERNIE SECONDARY SCHOOL



Built in 1998, Fernie Secondary School (FSS) is in a modern building in a beautiful location. FSS has a population of about 350 students in Grades 7 - 12 and usually hosts about 10 - 15 international students at a time. Popular school sports teams may include golf, track and field, and ski/ snowboard.

SPARWOOD SECONDARY SCHOOL



Sparwood Secondary School (SpSS) has a population of about 300 students in Grades 7 - 12. It is located in a newer building in a beautiful setting. SpSS is well regarded as both an academic high school and for its athletics. The school offers a wide range of elective classes as well as core academic subjects.

RMISP ON CAMPUS

RMISP places students in high schools in Revelstoke, Golden, Invermere, Kimberley, Cranbrook, Fernie, and Sparwood. Placements are also available in Cranbrook's two middle schools (Grades 7 - 9) and at elementary schools (Grade 7 only) in Golden, Invermere, and Kimberley.



RMISP is pleased to provide international students with top-quality curricular and extra-curricular opportunities to learn, play, and grow in School Districts 5, 6, and 19. All RMISP schools are committed to academic excellence in learning environments that are innovative, collaborative, and engaging.

ACADEMICS

Great teachers, great classrooms, and great labs: RMISP's high schools have everything necessary for students to excel academically. Graduating international students have gone on to study at top universities in Canada, the USA, and worldwide.