

# Newcomer Welcome Centre



Engaged Learners  
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# Which school will my child attend?

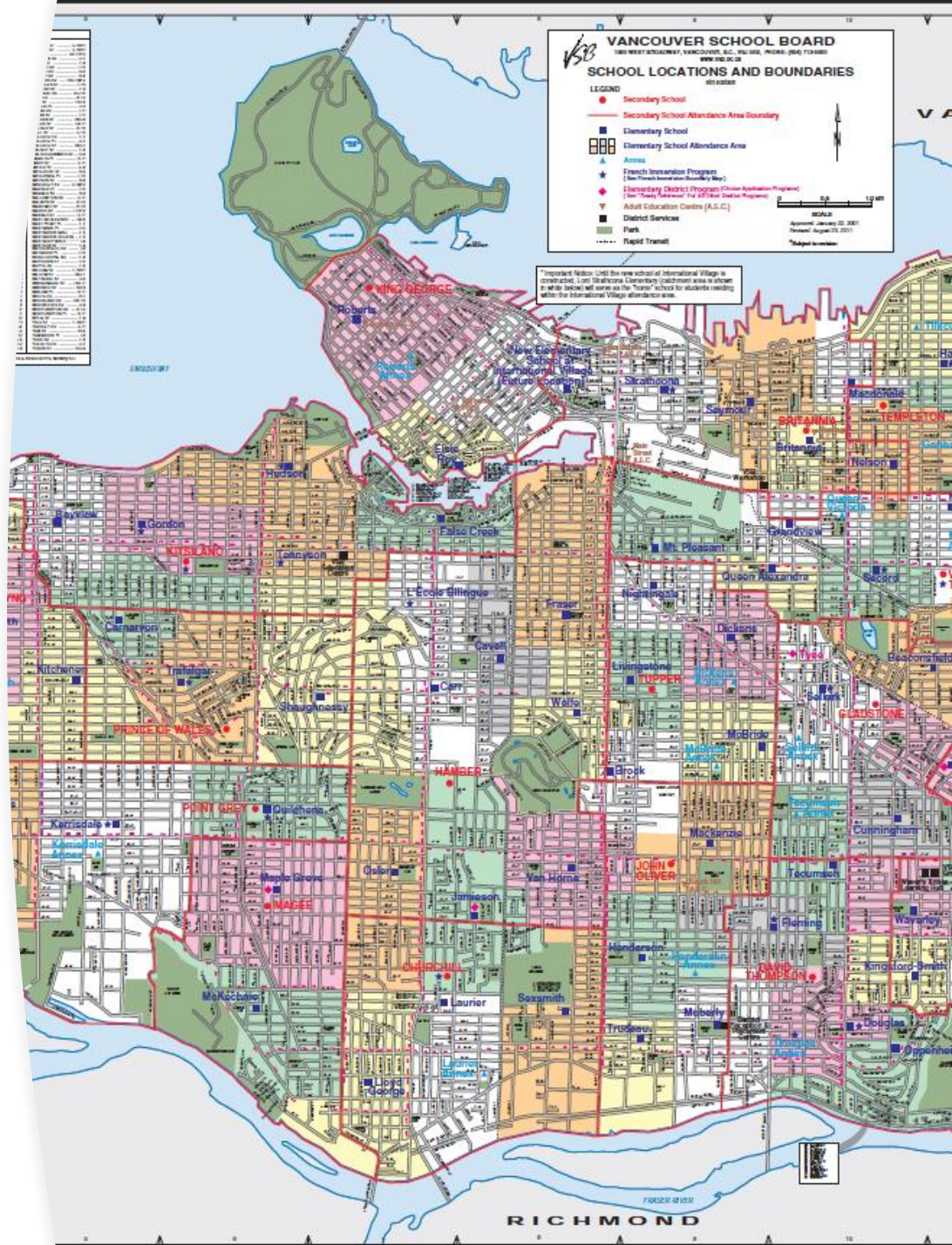
Children are assigned to their catchment schools.

The colours on the map to the right show elementary catchments.

The red lines show high school catchments.

Your address determines your catchment.

If the school is full, your child will be assigned to the closest school with space.





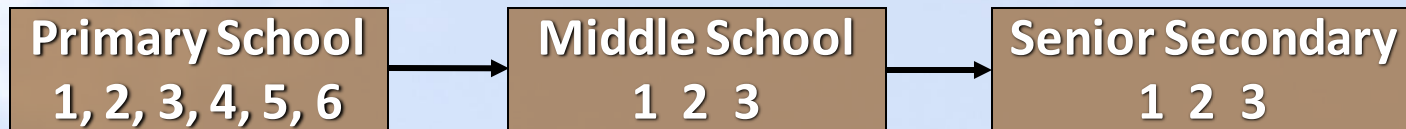
# What grade will my child be in?

-Grades are determined by year of birth, so for 2020-21:

<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Grade placement</u>
2007	Grade 8
2006	Grade 9
2005	Grade 10
2004	Grade 11
2003/02	Grade 12

# How are schools organized in Vancouver?

Overseas and in Some BC Schools



In Vancouver





# How does my child graduate?

- Only grade 10, 11 and 12 courses count toward graduation.
- Most grade 10, 11 and 12 courses are worth 4 credits.
- Your child must pass a total of 80 credits to graduate.
- Some courses are required (52 credits); everyone must take them.
- Some are elective (28 credits): your child chooses which ones to take.
- **Some of the work students have successfully completed in their prior countries can be transferred for credit towards the BC diploma.**
- See the next slide for the list of required courses.



**PATHWAY TO GRADUATION UNDER NEW BC CURRICULUM**

**REQUIRED COURSES**

For a list of courses that can fulfill the Required Courses requirements in each of the subject areas see:  
<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/10-12>

<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Minimum Credits</b>
Language Arts 10 (English 10)	4
Language Arts 11 (English 11)	4
Language Arts 12 (English 12)	4
Social Studies 10	4
a Social Studies 11 or 12	4
Science 10	4
a Science 11 or 12	4
a Mathematics 10	4
a Mathematics 11 or 12	4
Physical Health & Education 10	4
a Arts Education and/or an Applied Design, Skills & Technologies 10, 11 or 12	4
a Career Education	4
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<b>Total</b>	<b>52 credits</b>

**ELECTIVE CREDITS**

Students must earn 28 elective credits. These credits can be for:

Additional Grades 10, 11 or 12 Ministry Authorized courses, external credentials, Board/Authority Authorized courses, post-secondary credits and/or independent directed studies.

<b>Total</b>	<b>28 credits</b>
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**OVERALL TOTAL GRADUATION CREDITS REQUIRED 80 credits**

- Of the 80 credits needed for graduation, at least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including English 12 and 12 other credits. These may be from Required Courses or Elective Credits.

What grades do students usually complete the required courses in the graduation program?

- As the child progresses through the grades, there are fewer required courses and more elective courses.

GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Language Arts 10 (various course options available) 2 x 2 = 4 credits required	A Language Arts 11 (various course options available) 4 credits required	English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12 4 credits required
Social Studies 10 4 credits required	A Social Studies 11 <u>or</u> 12 (various course options available) 4 credits required	
Science 10 4 credits required	A Science 11 <u>or</u> 12 [various course options available for grade 11 and 12) 4 credits required	
A Math 10 (various course options available) 4 credits required	A Math 11 (various course options available) 4 credits required	
Physical and Health Education 10 4 credits required		
2 Career Education 8 credits		
One Grade 10, 11 or 12 course (4 credits) from Arts Education or Applied Design, Skills & Technologies 4 credits required		
		12 credits of other Grade 12 courses

# Elective courses

- Most schools have a wide selection of elective courses.
- Students may get elective credit for their home language ability if they attended school in their home language in their old countries

Students must earn at least 28 elective credits.	Minimum Credits
Additional Grade 10-12 credits* (including equivalency credits, external credits, etc.) e.g. Gr. 7 Chinese = UXLC10A e.g. Gr. 8 Filipino = UXLC11A e.g. Gr. 9 Persian = UXLC12A Gr. 10 Art Gr. 10 Music Gr. 10 Computer Studies Gr. 10 Woodwork	4 credits 4 credits 4 credits 4 credits 4 credits 4 credits 4 credits

**\*Of the 80 credits needed for graduation, at least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a Grade 12 Language Arts course and 12 other credits. These may be from Required Courses or Electives courses.**



# Can my child graduate if she or he is much older?

- Yes. However, children may not start secondary school if they are already 19.
- If your child has not completed graduation requirements by the age of 19, she or he will go to Adult Education.
- In many cases, Adult Education is also recommended for students who are 18.
- An Adult Education Dogwood diploma is exactly the same as a regular secondary Dogwood diploma.



# Must my child take and exams to graduate?

- Yes.
  - Students write provincial exams in Numeracy and Literacy.
    - One Numeracy exam and one Literacy exam will be written in grade 10;
    - And, one Literacy exam will be written in grade 12.
    - These exams do not count toward class marks
      - The results will appear on students' transcripts.
      - Students do not need to pass these exams in order to graduate.
        - They only need to write them.



# How will my child enter a Canadian university?

- It does not matter which high school your child graduates from.
- It does not matter how old the child is when applying to university.
- Canadian universities consider:
  - marks,
  - types of courses taken,
  - and sometimes extra-curricular activities to determine entrance.

# Here are some of the elective courses a student might take in grade 12 to qualify for entrance to a Canadian university

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## UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS

Many Canadian universities will look at a broad range of information in their admissions process, including high school courses and grades and a student's personal profile. Some of the recognized Grade 12 courses used for admissions to universities may include the following:

BC First Nations 12

Biology 12

Calculus 12

Chemistry 12

German 12

Economics 12

English First Peoples 12

English Literature 12

French 12

Geology 12

Geography 12

Punjabi 12

History 12

Japanese 12

Law 12

Mandarin 12

Mathematics 12

Physics 12

Social Justice 12

Spanish 12



# What are the post-secondary opportunities other than university?

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- Greater Vancouver has many high quality public colleges and art and technology institutes, including:
  - [Langara College](#)
  - [Kwantlen Polytechnic](#)
  - [Douglas College](#)
  - [BCIT](#)
  - [Emily Carr](#)
- In many colleges, students can enroll for two years, then transfer to a larger university.

# What about skilled trades or other careers?

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- The VSB has excellent trades and work experience programs where students can begin their training in skilled trades like carpentry, mechanics, hairdressing, auto body repair and many more:
- Visit the VSB [Career Education Page](#)

# BC Education System

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