



Our Mission Statement

The Greater Victoria School District is committed to each student's success in learning within a responsive and safe environment.

The Greater Victoria School District is proud to provide quality education for approximately 20,000 students in **29 Elementary Schools**, **10 Middle Schools**, and **7 Secondary Schools**. Each year, over 1,200 adult learners register with our **Continuing Education Program**. Our district also offers a variety of **Programs of Choice**, three **Elementary Schools of Choice** and one **Middle School of Choice**:

K - 12 Programs of Choice:

French Immersion

Greater Victoria School District is pleased to offer both **Early and Late French Immersion**. The aim of both programs is to provide students with the opportunity to become functionally bilingual by graduation while, at the same time, achieving the learning outcomes of the BC curriculum. Students graduating from Early or Late Immersion receive a Bilingual Dogwood in recognition of their completion of the French Immersion program.

Students can enter Early French Immersion in Kindergarten or in Grade 1, and Late French Immersion in Grade 6. Contact Judy Mas at ph. 475-4189.

Early French Immersion Elementary Schools:

Campus View
Macaulay

Doncaster
Quadra

Margaret Jenkins
Sir James Douglas

Marigold
Willows

French Immersion Middle Schools offering both Early and Late Immersion:

Arbutus
Shoreline

Cedar Hill

Central

Lansdowne

French Immersion Secondary Schools offering both Early and Late Immersion:

Esquimalt

Reynolds

Oak Bay

Victoria High

Home Learners' Link is a distributed learning school located on the ground level of S J Willis Education Centre. Home Learners' Link offers a hybrid approach to distributed learning for students from Kindergarten through grade 8 and supports the student achievement of learning outcomes through a combination of online and/or paper-based courses, or by participating in a small selection of optional classes and workshops offered on site.

Contact: Judith Reid at ph. 250-360-4303

The Link is the secondary site of the District's distributed learning school, offering a combination of online and paper-based courses for students in grades 6 through 12. The Link is located on the top floor of S J Willis Education Centre. Selected portions of some courses are occasionally offered through an on-site workshop model. Teachers at both sites maintain communication with students and their families by email, telephone and through face-to-face meetings. Teachers are responsible for the development of student learning plans for each student and for assessing and reporting on student achievement.

Contact Judith Reid at ph. 250-382-4303

Elementary Schools of Choice:

Cloverdale Traditional School

Traditional schools are defined by their focus on the teaching of values such as respect, responsibility and citizenship. High standards and clearly defined expectations for behaviour are emphasized, and students wear uniforms. At Cloverdale, teachers offer a rich, sequential program using the most effective and innovative teaching methods to enable all learners to reach their full potential. With active parent involvement, the school and its families can work together to foster the attributes of tomorrow's leaders today.

For more information please call ph. 250-382-7231, or email to cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca

South Park Family School

has been a successful parent-involved alternative (K-5) school in Victoria since 1974. Teachers and parents work closely together to provide a nurturing, stimulating, learning environment. Fine arts are an important part of our vigorous academic program. Because we emphasize cooperation over competition, we write narrative reports rather than assigning letter grades. Our fostering of self-esteem and creativity in our students prepares them to meet the challenges of future schooling.

For more information please call phone 250-382-5234.

Sundance Elementary School

is an alternative K – 5 school with a strong sense of community. Classes are multi-aged. Cooperation is emphasized over competition and letter grades are not given. Academics, social responsibility, the environment and the arts are all considered equally important in the educational development of Sundance students. Parent involvement, buddy activities and peer mentoring are part of the regular routine at Sundance.

The Sundance School website is <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/school/sundance>

Middle School of Choice:

Arbutus Global Middle School

Arbutus is a school of choice for global education in British Columbia. The provincial curriculum is enriched in every classroom by linking it to global education, environmental awareness and social responsibility. Community and provincial initiatives take place in specific classrooms, such as Science in Action, HASTE, Global Art Education Project, Community Conversations and participating in web-casts. School-wide fund raisers are used as vehicles for teaching project management skills, persuasive writing, marketing strategies and presentation skills to help students learn how to make a difference. Student-generated clubs, such as Global Connections Club, Transportation Team, Recycling Club, Presentation Team, Gardening Club, Animal Club and Science Club, provide opportunities for students to explore ways that they can make a difference in the world through promoting sustainability.

Middle School Program of Choice:

Rockheights Hockey Skills Academy

The goal of the Rockheights Hockey Skills Academy is to foster academic excellence, promote character development, as well as leadership skills to a group of motivated students committed to hockey. The program will promote the development of individual hockey skills through both on-ice and off-ice train experiences. A significant aspect of the academy will involve participants engaging in leadership activities both at the school and community level.

Secondary Programs of Choice:

Flexible Studies: Leadership in Learning

The Flexible Studies: Leadership in Learning program is comprised of four key program components. These four are Academic Excellence, Character Development through Leadership, Enrichment and Challenge through Experiential Learning, and Support for Individualized, Flexible Programs.

The program's goal is to support the growth of the whole person through a rigorous and creative academic program and a comprehensive program of character development and service opportunities. Each student's growth will be measured by the development of skills and attributes that we believe support learning beyond the curriculum. The Flex program is unique in its team approach to teaching. The teachers work together to support students beyond the specific subject areas being taught.

The Flex program supports **elite athletes and performers** who require a flexible program due to training, competition, rehearsal and performance; students are provided individualized academic programs to accommodate their commitments away from school.

This program is offered at Reynolds Secondary for students in Grades 9 – 12 and students are selected by application.

The Challenge Program

The Challenge Program is a district secondary program of study for gifted, creative and talented learners. It offers ability grouped students a challenging and engaging learning environment. Students are in gifted classes for all core subjects from grades 9 through 11, grade 12 for English. Students are integrated into elective subjects. Hallmarks of the program include enriched curriculum and assignments, task commitment, creative problem solving and community involvement. The Challenge Program is offered at Esquimalt High and Mount Douglas Secondary.

The Diamond for Excellence Baseball and Softball Academy

offers a baseball/softball program for boys and girls that is developmental in nature. With a strong focus on academic preparation and life skills, the program provides on-the-field instruction in baseball and softball skills and in-the-classroom instruction in five specific areas to enhance the student athletes' knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the science of sport and training as it applies to baseball and softball. This program is offered at Lambrick Park Secondary.

The Centre for Soccer Excellence

provides a formal training program within the academic setting of the school with a commitment to excellence in student achievement. The program is integrated into the regular school program and is designed to develop the individual skills of the participants. Students receive on field and classroom instruction in sports science, nutrition and fitness, strength training, sport physiology, time management, goal setting, leadership skills, coaching philosophy and the laws of the game. This program is offered at Reynolds Secondary for students in Grade 9 – 12 and students are selected by application.

Esquimalt High School Curling Academy

The Curling Academy's goal is to provide academic excellence and leadership skill development in combination with the development of curling skills. The program will enhance the individual curling skills of each student, from novice to expert curlers. Within the regular school timetable, the Academy students are provided with professional on-ice curling instruction, high performance strength and conditioning training, fitness and nutrition information, sport psychology and mental preparation training. The program is offered to students in grades 9-12. Students are selected by application.

Spectrum Hockey Skills Academy

Launched in September 2005, Spectrum Community School's Hockey Skills Academy combines hockey skills development in an academic setting. Eligible students, from grades 9-12, gain valuable experience and instruction by nationally trained academy staff both on and off ice. Leadership, character development, fitness training and assessment, nutrition, sport psychology and physiology are fundamental aspects of Spectrum's Hockey Skills Academy. Visit our website at www.spectrumhockey.com

Spectrum Lacrosse Academy

In September 2010, Spectrum Community School will be introducing its Lacrosse Academy to eligible grade 9 and 10 students. The new academy will provide high performance on-field lacrosse instruction as well as strength and conditioning, leadership and character development, nutrition and sport psychology. National level coaching staff will be integrally involved in the academy, providing students with lacrosse experience and training in Spectrum's dynamic academic setting. Visit our school's website at www.spectrum.sd61.bc.ca

Other Information

Kindergarten Registration

- ◆ Children who will be five years of age on or before December 31st may enter Kindergarten.
- ◆ Every year, our Kindergarten Registration takes place at the beginning of February.
- ◆ Parents register their children at their catchment school. To determine your catchment school, either go to our school locator on our website at <http://schoollocator.baragar.com/bc61/search.cfm> or call the district board office at 475-3212.

Greater Victoria School District

- ◆ For information about our school district, please visit our website at: www.sd61.bc.ca .

School District Achievement Contract

- ◆ Every year, the district goals for student achievement are outlined in our Achievement Contract which can be accessed on our website at <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/achievement.aspx> .
- ◆ The Achievement Contract is the district's commitment to students and their families to improve student achievement and success.

Ministry of Education

- ◆ For parent specific information about education in British Columbia, please go to the B.C. Ministry of Education website at: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/parents.htm> .

Pathways

A Family of Schools is comprised of several elementary schools from which students move to a designated middle school and from there to a designated secondary school.

English Program Pathways:

ESQUIMALT FAMILY OF SCHOOLS		
Elementary School	Designated Middle School	Designated Secondary School
Macaulay Victoria West	Rockheights	Esquimalt High
Craigflower View Royal	Shoreline	

LAMBRICK PARK FAMILY OF SCHOOLS		
Elementary School	Designated Middle School	Designated Secondary School
Hillcrest Torquay	Gordon Head	Lambrick Park Secondary

MOUNT DOUGLAS FAMILY OF SCHOOLS		
Elementary School	Designated Middle School	Designated Secondary School
Campus View Frank Hobbs	Arbutus	Mount Douglas Secondary

OAK BAY FAMILY OF SCHOOLS		
Elementary School	Designated Middle School	Designated Secondary School
Margaret Jenkins Willows	Monterey	Oak Bay High

REYNOLDS FAMILY OF SCHOOLS		
Elementary School	Designated Middle School	Designated Secondary School
Quadra	Lansdowne	Reynolds Secondary
Braefoot Cloverdale Doncaster Lake Hill Rogers	Cedar Hill	

SPECTRUM FAMILY OF SCHOOLS		
Elementary School	Designated Middle School	Designated Secondary School
Eagle View Marigold Strawberry Vale Tillicum	Colquitz	Spectrum Community
McKenzie Northridge	Glanford	

VICTORIA FAMILY OF SCHOOLS		
Elementary School	Designated Middle School	Designated Secondary School
George Jay James Bay Sir James Douglas	Central	Victoria High
Oaklands	Lansdowne	

EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION Program Pathways
(Kindergarten or Grade 1 Entry)

Elementary School	Designated Middle School	Designated Secondary School
Marigold Macaulay	Shoreline	Esquimalt High
Willows	Lansdowne	Oak Bay High
Margaret Jenkins	Central	
Sir James Douglas	Central	Victoria High
Campus View	Arbutus	Reynolds Secondary
Doncaster	Cedar Hill	
Quadra	Lansdowne	
Sir James Douglas	Central	Victoria High

Late French Immersion Program Pathways:
(Grade 6 Entry)

Middle School	Designated Secondary School
Shoreline	Esquimalt High
Central	Victoria High
Arbutus Cedar Hill	Reynolds Secondary
Lansdowne	Oak Bay High

Families of Schools

Esquimalt Family of Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esquimalt High • Rockheights Middle School • Shoreline Community Middle School • Craigflower Elementary • Macaulay Elementary • Victoria West Elementary • View Royal Elementary 	Lambrick Park Family of Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lambrick Park Secondary • Gordon Head Middle School • Hillcrest Elementary • Torquay Elementary
Mount Douglas Family of Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount Douglas Secondary • Arbutus Middle School • Campus View Elementary • Frank Hobbs Elementary 	Oak Bay Family of Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak Bay High • Monterey Middle School • Margaret Jenkins Elementary • Willows Elementary
Reynolds Family of Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reynolds Secondary • Cedar Hill Middle School • Braefoot Elementary • Cloverdale Elementary • Doncaster Elementary • Lake Hill Elementary • Quadra Elementary • Rogers Elementary 	Spectrum Family of Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spectrum Secondary • Colquitz Middle School • Glanford Middle School • Eagle View Elementary • Marigold Elementary • McKenzie Elementary • Northridge Elementary • Strawberry Vale Elementary • Tillicum Elementary
Victoria Family of Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria High • Central Middle School • Lansdowne Middle School • George Jay Elementary • James Bay Community School • Oaklands Elementary • Sir James Douglas Elementary • South Park Family School (District program) • Sundance Elementary (District program) 	