

North Vancouver School District

North Vancouver, known for its beautiful natural surroundings, is located between the scenic Coast Mountains and the ocean in a prime area known as the North Shore. Our closest neighbours are West Vancouver, located 10 minutes west of central North Vancouver, and the City of Vancouver, which can easily be reached by seabus within 15 minutes or by crossing one of two bridges for a 20-30 minute commute.

In addition to two well known ski mountains, Grouse Mountain and Mount Seymour, North Vancouver is also known for its world class mountain biking trails. Our mild climate enables golfers to enjoy two golf courses located in the Mount Seymour area, and recreation centres offer swimming, skating, and gyms throughout North Vancouver. Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains, home of the 2010 Winter Olympics, are located within a scenic 1.5 hour drive. This truly makes North Vancouver - *the natural place to learn!*

The North Vancouver School District has 25 elementary schools and 6 comprehensive secondary schools, with a total population of approximately 17,000 students. In North Vancouver, while we believe our schools are greatly enhanced with the addition of International students coming from 15-18 countries annually, we also believe it is important to limit the number of International students to approximately 80 students at each of our secondary schools and up to 20 International students in our elementary schools.

All North Vancouver Secondary Schools have developed comprehensive programs for students that support strong academics, athletics, fine arts and technology. In addition to the core academic subjects, our schools offer an extensive variety of music, art, drama and athletic programs as well as a wide selection of elective subjects such as photography and digital media. Students from all North Vancouver schools consistently excel and exceed Provincial averages on gr. 10, 11, and 12 Provincial Examinations. Programs are designed to provide all students with the courses necessary to enter university, college or other post-secondary institutions, as well as the skills and training necessary to pursue career and vocational opportunities.

We encourage you to visit our district website at www.sd44.ca. There you will find the most up-to-date information on our International Education Program and our schools. Each school maintains its own website with detailed information providing a flavour of each of our schools. By visiting our website at www.sd44.ca and by double clicking on the header "*schools*", followed by "*school links*", you will find valuable information about each school. We have listed the six secondary schools below, and have provided just a little information on each:



Argyle Secondary School



1131 Frederick Road
North Vancouver, BC
V7K 1J3

Website: <http://www.sd44.ca/school/argyle/Pages/default.aspx>

Located in the central area known as Lynn Valley, Argyle offers both English and French Immersion Programs (Gr. 8 -12) with a school population of approximately 1400 including approximately 85 International students. Some Advance Placement (AP) Courses are offered and unique to Argyle is the *Digital Media & Digital Media Lite Academies*. In addition to a strong academic focus, this school also has strong music and sports opportunities.

Carson Graham Secondary School



2145 Jones Avenue
North Vancouver, BC
V7M 2W7

Website: <http://www.sd44.ca/school/carson/Pages/default.aspx>

Located centrally in North Vancouver, Carson Graham offers a new state-of-the art school for students in grade 8-12 with a school population of 1000 students, including approximately 65 International students. Carson Graham offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program for grade 11 and 12 students, Middle Years IB Program for grade 8, 9 & 10, the *Artist for Kids Studio Arts Academy* and a *Culinary Arts Program*.

Handsworth Secondary School



1044 Edgewood Road
North Vancouver, BC
V7R 1Y7

Website: <http://www.sd44.ca/school/handsworth/Pages/default.aspx>

Located within a five minute drive to the well known Grouse Mountain, a popular local ski area, Handsworth offers both English and French Immersion Programs (gr. 8 -12) and has a school population of approximately 1400 including approximately 85 International students. Advance Placement (AP) Courses are offered. The school has a strong academic focus as well as excellent sports and music programs, including *Orchestral Strings*.

Seycove Secondary School



1204 Caledonia Avenue
North Vancouver, BC
V7G 2A6

Website: <http://www.sd44.ca/school/seycove/Pages/default.aspx>

Located in the Deep Cove/Seymour area of North Vancouver, where kayaking and canoeing are very popular and also close to Seymour Mountain, Seycove offers grade 8-12 to approximately 800 students, including approximately 80 International students. Seymour Mountain is home to downhill and cross country skiing as well as outstanding trails for mountain biking. In addition to the strong sense of community, Seycove offers comprehensive course selections plus an exceptional music program, *Performance Learning Program (PLP)* and a *Basketball Academy*.

Sutherland Secondary School



1860 Sutherland Avenue
North Vancouver, BC
V7L 4C2

Website: <http://www.sd44.ca/school/sutherland/Pages/default.aspx>

Sutherland Secondary, a new state-of-the-art school, is centrally located, and offers students in grade 8-12 a brand new building environment to approximately 1000 students, including 80 International students. One of Sutherland's unique features is its semestered timetable which divides the school year into distinct halves with students taking four courses in each half, or semester, for a total of eight courses in a full school year. Sutherland is the home to our *Volleyball* and *Field Hockey Academies* and will be home to our *Outdoor Education Academy* scheduled to open in 2017.

Windsor Secondary School



931 Broadview Drive
North Vancouver, BC
V7H 2E9

Website: <http://www.sd44.ca/school/windsor/Pages/default.aspx>

Located in the Seymour Mountain area of North Vancouver, Windsor Secondary School is home to 850 students, including approximately 80 International students. Windsor offers both English and French Immersion Programs. Unique to Windsor are its *Dance*, *Soccer* and *Hockey Skills Academies*, which are skill development programs for boys and girls of all ages and ability - a true Canadian experience!



North Vancouver's elementary schools provide excellent programs focusing on the development of the personal, social and academic potential of each student. All 25 elementary schools welcome International students, providing their own mother and/or father are able to reside here with their children for the full school year.

International students are welcome to request specific school placements, and depending on timing of application and availability most students are placed at the school of their request. We are also able to make school recommendations based on the individual interests, needs, or talents of the student.

Our preference is to place students for a full year of study from September to June, but all schools have a limited January (elementary) or February (secondary) intake.

Homestay for Secondary School Students:

North Vancouver works closely with a variety of homestay providers. One of our homestay providers is First Choice International Placement (www.fcplacement.com). First Choice places, monitors, and provides guardianship for our secondary age International students. Homestay parents are carefully selected and homestays are located within a short commute to our schools.

Please contact us directly (international@sd44.ca) if you require additional information.

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