



**RICHMOND**  
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

ENRICHING GLOBAL MINDS

**There's  
no better  
place to  
learn**



## Academic Excellence

- Exemplary graduation and completion rates for international students
- Consistently one of the highest university entrance rates in BC
- Bespoke English Language Learning (ELL), assessment support, development, options, and results

## Location

- By world standards, one of the safest cities in Canada
- 22 minutes by transit from downtown Vancouver
- Home to the Vancouver International Airport (YVR) and cohost of the 2010 Winter Olympics
- On an estuary where the Fraser River meets the Pacific Ocean, 45 minutes to ski hills and 30 minutes to the US border

# RICHMOND

A Global City with Global Possibilities

## Academic Program Options

- Over 100 course options
- Specialty programs and advanced course options including business, engineering, medicine, outdoor recreation and hospitality
- IB or AP options at all schools

## Community

- Welcoming multicultural community with supports for international learners
- Active lifestyle with many local community centres and clubs
- Upper-middle class community
- Many community academies for athletic students
- Ease of movement: public transit, bike lanes and walking

## Student Support

- International Education Office: 24/7/365 wraparound care
- In-house homestay department
- Vice Principals as International Student Coordinators at each school
- In-school academic counsellors
- Engaging teaching community with extensive experience integrating and supporting international students





# RICHMOND

## Metro Vancouver

### Richmond City, Metro Vancouver

Richmond, a co-host of the 2010 Winter Olympics, is an award-winning city situated 22 minutes south of downtown Vancouver. Richmond is known for having a high standard of living, a multicultural community and for being home to the Vancouver International Airport (YVR).

It is a diverse, inclusive, family-oriented, Westcoast Canadian community that offers a soft landing for international students leaving home for the first time. It is an urban community within close proximity to downtown Vancouver through extensive public transit options.

#### Quick facts

- 22 minutes to downtown Vancouver
- Multicultural
- 140 parks, 19 scenic trails for walking or biking, as well as major shopping centres and outlet malls
- 4 swimming pools, 8 community centres, golf courses, tennis courts, climbing walls, and much more

### Richmond School District Overview

Richmond International Education (RIE) department has welcomed and helped thousands of international students from over 40 countries obtain a world class education and study abroad experience in the Richmond School District No.38's public schools since 1998.

#### Quick Facts

- 5th largest school district in BC
- 37 elementary schools and 10 secondary schools
- Average elementary population – 350
- Average secondary school population - 1000
- 21,000 Canadian students, from kindergarten to grade 12
- Diverse program options for arts, business, sciences, math, and languages
- 14+ school sports
- Average 25+ clubs at each school



# PROGRAMS

## Academic Programs

A variety of academic courses are available for international students at all schools. Credits may be given for completed courses for students that intend to graduate in British Columbia by meeting all BC curriculum requirements.

### **RIE Single Semester Study – 5 months**

The single semester study program is open to visiting students who wish to experience the Canadian school system. The study program starts in September or January/February each year. Students will have an authentic Canadian school experience and participate in regular credit classes combined with appropriate ELL support.

### **RIE Single Year Study – 10 months**

The 10-month, single year study program is an option for students who wish to return to their home country but get the benefit of a full academic school year in Richmond. The study program typically starts in September each year, but limited second semester start dates are also possible.

### **RIE BC Graduation Study – multiple years**

Students wanting to graduate with a BC secondary school diploma (Dogwood Diploma) in British Columbia will be placed at an age-appropriate grade and put on a path towards graduation. Students will receive guidance from their counsellor on course requirements and in building an appropriate course schedule. This program starts in September or January each year.

## Non-Academic Programs

Visiting students who want to develop English language proficiency and be immersed in a Canadian school environment can choose from a range of courses based on individual interest and seat availability.

**Summer Camps** - 3 or 6-week study options for students aged 8 to 18 are offered in July and August. Camps include three full days of school-based learning that focus on English development and cultural development. Students will also enjoy two full-day excursions each week around the Metro Vancouver area.

**Summer Academic English Program** - This 6-week summer program is offered in July and August to develop English needed for academic purposes. Students attend English classes Monday to Friday and focus on English language proficiency needed for success in a secondary school environment. Open to students 13 to 18.

**Short-Term School Experience Program** - 1- to 3-month program for students wishing to experience an authentic Canadian school environment. Offered between mid-September and mid-June and when space is available. Open to students 13 to 18 or elementary students when accompanied by a parent/legal guardian. Students will obtain a Completion Certificate at the end of their study program.

**Customized Group Programs** - We can provide groups with a unique, high quality education experience that is customized to meet a group's age, abilities, interests, and educational goals. Open year-round to all ages and grades, as well as professional educators.

### 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 can increase English fluency while completing their schooling at the same time, ensuring students are supported in all aspects of their academic and daily life.

Year after year our ELL student graduation and completion rates lead the province of British Columbia.

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# SECONDARY Schools

## Overview

- 10 Secondary Schools
- Range from 550 to 1400 students
- Grades 8 to 12 (13 to 18 years of age)
- Sports and clubs available at all schools
- Specialty and advanced programs and courses available at all schools
- All provide comprehensive academic options
- All 10 Richmond secondary schools have multiple gyms, weight and fitness rooms, automated resource centres, PC & MAC computer labs, WiFi connections, science labs, theatres, performance areas, lunchrooms and cafeterias

## Secondary Specialty Program Options

- IB Middle Years Programme
- IB Senior Years Diploma Programme
- Advanced Placement in Science, Math, Art, and English
- Engineering
- Japanese, Mandarin, French and Spanish
- English and Theatre Arts
- Business, Marketing and Economics
- Leadership
- Chef Training
- Music Composition
- Medical Science Program
- Outdoor Education
- Information Technology
- Visual and Performing Arts
- Fashion Design

# Secondary Schools in Richmond\*

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

**SIZE:** 650 students **TIME SCHEDULE:** Semester  
**NOTABLE FOR:** IB Middle Years, Art & Design, English Literature & Composition, Calculus

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

**SIZE:** 750 students **TIME SCHEDULE:** Semester  
**NOTABLE FOR:** Culinary Program, Musical Theatre, Jazz Band, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball

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**J.N. BURNETT Secondary** [jnburnett.sd38.bc.ca](http://jnburnett.sd38.bc.ca)

**SIZE:** 1100 students **TIME SCHEDULE:** Semester  
**NOTABLE FOR:** AP Chemistry & Math, Arts & Athletics, Volunteering

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**HUGH MCROBERTS Secondary** [mcroberts.sd38.bc.ca](http://mcroberts.sd38.bc.ca)

**SIZE:** 1100 students **TIME SCHEDULE:** Semester  
**NOTABLE FOR:** French Immersion, Rugby, Sports

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**H.J. CAMBIE Secondary** [hjcambie.sd38.bc.ca](http://hjcambie.sd38.bc.ca)

**SIZE:** 600 students **TIME SCHEDULE:** Semester  
**NOTABLE FOR:** Recreational Leadership, Medical Science Program, Robotics, Cheer Squad

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**R.C. PALMER Secondary** [palmer.sd38.bc.ca](http://palmer.sd38.bc.ca)

**SIZE:** 950 students **TIME SCHEDULE:** Semester  
**NOTABLE FOR:** Incentive, AP courses, Leadership, 40+ clubs and athletic teams

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**A.R. MACNEILL Secondary** [macneill.sd38.bc.ca](http://macneill.sd38.bc.ca)

**SIZE:** 900 students **TIME SCHEDULE:** Linear  
**NOTABLE FOR:** Outdoor Education, Music & Theatre Program, Badminton

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

**SIZE:** 1100 students **TIME SCHEDULE:** Linear  
**NOTABLE FOR:** IB Diploma Programme, Culinary Arts, Cheerleading, Jazz Band, Theater company

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**R.A. MCMATH Secondary** [mcmath.sd38.bc.ca](http://mcmath.sd38.bc.ca)

**SIZE:** 1200 students **TIME SCHEDULE:** Semester  
**NOTABLE FOR:** French Immersion, Leadership, AP options, location in historical Steveston village

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**STEVESTON-LONDON Secondary** [slss.sd38.bc.ca](http://slss.sd38.bc.ca)

**SIZE:** 1100 students **TIME SCHEDULE:** Semester  
**NOTABLE FOR:** Art programs, Languages, new facilities

\*Student numbers are approximate

\*View location on map on back page



# HOMESTAY **for secondary students**

There are a variety of accommodation options in and near Richmond for international students and their families, including staying with a local RIE program host family while studying in Richmond School District schools. RIE host families are selected and guided to support international students who may be away from home for the first time. RIE Homestay families reflect the diversity of our west coast, Canadian, urban community.

