

Welcome International Students to Vancouver Schools in 2025-26! Information for International Student Applications

The Vancouver School Board welcomes international students to apply to its international student program for the 2025-26 school year. Our secondary schools currently follow a semester system where students study 4 courses per semester. Detailed profiles of our secondary schools are available by contacting: intered@vsb.bc.ca

September 2025 entry

Year-long applications are being accepted for the 2025-26 school year. Orientation is planned for August 25 and 26, 2025, and classes begin September 2, 2025.

It is important to check with a homestay provider to ensure that homestay placement is possible in the area of your preferred schools. A list of homestay agencies is available, upon request.

How to Apply?

Online: Online applications will be accepted from our web page: <http://intered.vsb.bc.ca>

Available Vancouver Secondary Schools for September 2025 entry (as of July 16, 2024)

(for applicants born 2009-2012; grades 8-11)

Britannia (grades 8-11)

Charles Tupper (grades 8-11)

Churchill (grades 8-11)

David Thompson (grades 8-11)

Eric Hamber (grades 8-11)

Gladstone (grades 8-11)

John Oliver (grades 8-11)

Killarney (grades 8-11)

* University Hill (grades 8-10) no homestay available

Kitsilano (grades 8-11)

Magee (grades 8-11)

Point Grey (grades 8-10)

Prince of Wales (grades 8-11)

Templeton (grades 8-11)

Vancouver Technical (grades 8-11)

Windermere (grades 8-11)

South Hill (grades 11-12, ages 17 and older)

Please note that:

- school placement depends on many factors, including the available school grade spaces, the applicant's age and grade level and anticipated ELL needs. School spaces are limited and subject to change.
- Applicants are placed in their Canadian age-grade correlated grade.
- Applicants aged 17 (born in 2008 or earlier) with minimal English skills are not recommended to enter secondary schools unless prepared to transfer to adult education to complete graduation requirements. Students normally need at least 2 years to complete BC graduation requirements. They may be placed at these secondary schools: John Oliver Windermere Britannia Charles Tupper
- Students aged 18 and older can transfer to South Hill Adult School to complete graduation courses.
- Early applications strongly encouraged. Application deadline is April 30, 2025.

Elementary Schools (applicants born from 2013-2020; Kindergarten to grade 7)

The Vancouver School Board is not accepting applications for elementary aged international students at this time. Elementary students must live with a parent while studying in the Vancouver school district.

Please check with the international department office in January 2025 by contacting intered@vsb.bc.ca .

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