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# **STUDENT HANDBOOK** B084 2022-2023



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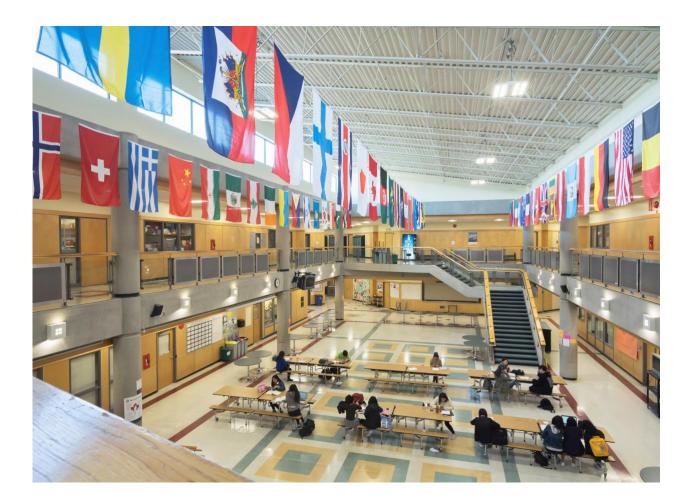
# WELCOME TO THE RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Welcome to Richmond and the Richmond School District. We hope your time in Richmond will be pleasant and beneficial. This handbook is intended to assist you in your stay with us.

We assume that there are three primary reasons for you choosing to have a Canadian school experience: to obtain a Canadian high school diploma, to improve your English (ELL), and/or to have a cultural experience.

This handbook will only touch briefly on academics and ELL, as information in greater detail is available from your school counselors and your new teachers. The handbook will cover, in greater detail, opportunities for cultural and recreational experiences in Richmond and in the Greater Vancouver area.

Do not hesitate to contact us, if you have questions or issues regarding your stay in the Richmond School District.



# **RIE CONTACT INFORMATION**

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# **RIE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS**



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# SCHOOL-BASED RIE COORDINATORS

You should get to know your school-based Richmond International Education (RIE) Coordinator. This is one of the two Vice-Principals in your school. The RIE Coordinator has set aside time to support you, so do not hesitate to contact him or her if you have any problems. The RIE Coordinator will introduce him/herself to you when you start school. You can find him or her throughout the year, usually in your school's main office.

School	RIE Coordinator	Email
Boyd	Mr. Onukwulu	aonukwulu@sd38.bc.ca
Burnett	Ms. Collins	lcollins@sd38.bc.ca
Cambie	Mr. Nashlund	nnashlund@sd38.bc.ca
MacNeill	Ms. MacDonald	damacdonald@sd38.bc.ca
McMath	Mr. Ngo	tngo@sd38.bc.ca
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The school-based RIE Coordinators are:

Your classroom teachers, ELL teachers, and school counselors are also here to help you. Canadian teachers are known for their friendliness and willingness to help students, so don't be afraid to talk to them.



# SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Richmond schools follow, by law, the BC Ministry of Education and Child Care (MECC)'s prescribed school year.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

School commences on Tuesday, September 6, 2022

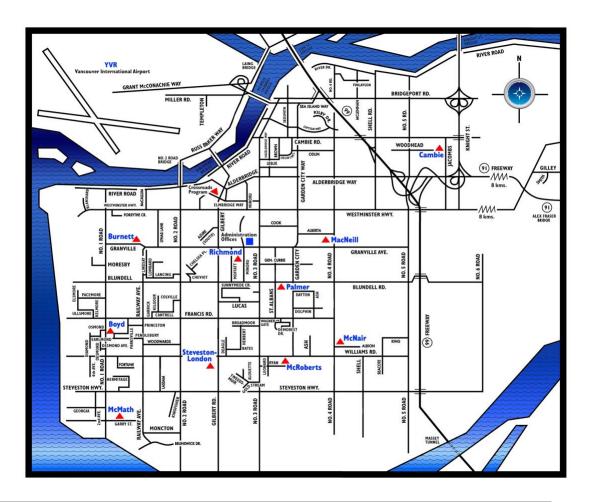
Christmas break begins on Monday, December 19, 2022 and ends on Monday, January 2, 2023.

Second Semester for semester schools begins on **Tuesday, January 31, 2023.** (<u>NOTE</u>: Burnett Secondary and Cambie Secondary on **Wednesday, February 1, 2023**)

Spring break begins on Monday, March 13 and ends on Friday, March 24, 2023.

The school year ends on Thursday, June 29, 2023.

# SECONDARY SCHOOL MAP



# ACADEMIC COURSE OFFERINGS

Most schools in Canada are public and funded by the government. Curriculum and funding are determined by the provincial governments and administered and carried out by individual school boards. Public school boards serve a local community and occasionally welcome international students into their programs.

British Columbia offers an outstanding curriculum recognized around the world. More information on the BC Curriculum can be found online at: <u>https://www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca</u>

Students in Canada have to complete 12 years of school to receive a high school diploma.

Courses in Secondary Schools are either required or electives. Both types of courses are necessary in order to graduate. Required courses are usually academic while elective courses can be academic, vocational, or general interest. All secondary schools in Richmond offer all required

courses, but elective course choices can vary from school to school. Get a copy of your school's *Program Planning Guide* from the counselor's office or the school's website. The Guide describes all the courses currently being offered in your school.



# **B.C. GRADUATION PROGRAM**

52 requi	red courses	28 elect	ive courses	
<u>Credits</u>	Course and Level	<u>Credits</u>	Course and Level	
4	Language Arts 10	4	Any Grade 12 Course	
4	Social Studies 10	4	Any Grade 12 Course	
4	Mathematics 10	4	Any Grade 12 Course	
4	Science 10	4	Any Grade 10, 11, or 12 Course	
4	Physical and Health Education 10	4	Any Grade 10, 11, or 12 course	
4	Language Arts 11	4	Any Grade 10, 11, or 12 course	
4	Social Studies 11 or 12	4	Any Grade 10, 11, or 12 course	
4	Math 11 or 12			
4	Science 11 or 12			
4	Language Arts 12			
4	4 Arts Education or Applied Design, Skills & Technologies 10, 11 or 12			
4	Career-Life Connections			
4	Career-Life Education			
In addition, students must also complete three graduation assessments:				
	Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Asses	sment		

Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment

Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment

# CHOICE AND FLEXIBILITY

Many courses completed in your home country can be applied toward the BC Graduation Program under the Transfer Standing (TS) process. Richmond school counselors will look at the foreign course work and compare it to BC Learning Outcomes. A teacher from a specific department such as Sciences or Mathematics usually assists with this decision in granting transfer standing. Once a course is granted transfer standing, no letter grade is assigned but "TS" is indicated on the student record.

If the student wants to apply the TS mark for a percentage mark (or grade point average GPA) toward university entrance, then original documents must be provided from the home country with a school final mark. School counselors may further request course outlines and assignments to compare similarity of both courses. However, students who have not studied in an English or French school for the last 2 years must take and pass certain courses in the BC curriculum to graduate.

Courses that must be taught by a BC certified teacher:

- Language Arts 11
- Language Arts 12
- Social Studies 11 or 12
- One of Mathematics 11 or 12
- One of Science 11 or 12
- Career Life Education



### LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES

There is no limit to the number of Board/Authority-Authorized (BAA) course credits that count as elective credits towards graduation.

### EXTERNAL LEARNING CREDITS

Options exist for students to earn Grade 10, 11 and 12 credits toward graduation by recognizing other learning opportunities. International students can receive credit for certain subjects, especially in Modern Languages, Mathematics and Sciences, taken previously in their home country.

Schools are also able to offer students the independent directed studies option to a maximum of 4 credits in each Ministry or Board/Authority-Authorized course.

Therefore, it is possible for an international student, entering Richmond in Grade Twelve, to get a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation or "Dogwood Diploma" in one year (through 2 semesters in order to take English 11 first and then English 12) assuming the student can get enough TS, receives credit for Grade 10 courses taken in the home country, has an ELL level of 4 or 5, and does take the required BC courses, including four courses at the Grade 12 level, to obtain the 80 Graduation Credits.

A reasonable expectation to have, however, is that if the student's English is well beyond the intermediate level (assessed at ELL Level 4 or 5) and student is entering a BC school at Grade 10, it will take about three years to graduate with a BC Graduation Diploma; about two years if entering at Grade 11, and about three semesters (one and a half years) if entering at Grade 12.

Students at lower levels of English will take longer to complete and graduate with a BC Graduation Diploma.





# ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING (ELL) PROGRAM

The Richmond School District has extensive experience in supporting students who are English language learners. Students in Richmond have been very successful in obtaining English fluency while at the same time, completing their secondary schooling.

International students who are new to Richmond School District are given an on-line ELL assessment upon arrival or before departure from their home country. Regardless of their English ability, all students, in consultation with their families, are placed in age-appropriate grade levels. Students take a range of regular courses as they acquire English.

### ELL LEVELS AND COURSE SELECTION

There are five levels of ELL support in Richmond School District. Each level has a suggested number of ELL classes and recommended regular courses. All students, regardless of ELL ability, take a maximum of eight courses per school year, or four courses per semester.

Level 1	little or no English	3 ELL courses, Mathematics and 4 electives.
Level 2	low intermediate English	3 ELL courses, Mathematics, Sciences and 3 electives.
Level 3	upper intermediate English	2 ELL courses, Mathematics, Sciences, Socials Studies, and 3 electives.
Level 4	advanced English	1 ELL course, Mathematics, Sciences, Social Studies, Language Arts, and 3 electives.
Level 5	approaching fluency	No ELL courses. Language Arts, Mathematics, Sciences, Social Studies, and 4 electives.

ELL classes assist students in developing their English ability in oral usage, writing, and reading. At Level 1 and Level 2, the emphasis is on 'survival' English and basic vocabulary development. At Level 3 and Level 4, the emphasis is on obtaining academic English fluency, through oral and written work and reading comprehension.

In any of your classes, ELL or otherwise, if you feel the work is too easy, you are encouraged to speak to your teacher or to ask her or him for more challenging work. Courses in Canada are designed to be open-ended; That is, the work is assigned in such a manner that students can do more than the minimal requirements.

# **CONNECTIONS – SECONDARY STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM**

Richmond International Educations (RIE) is pleased to offer an after-school support program for secondary International students – **Connections**. Current international students in RIE have identified where extra support outside of school hours would be helpful to their success. In response we have developed **Connections** to provide additional support in both academic and social areas. **Connections** has the following components:

### ENGLISH DEVELOPMENT

English Language Learning – skills development and English speaking practice in a relaxed environment for all ELL levels; learning topics in Social Studies and Science. Students will be divided into small groups according to their ELL levels. Examples of Science topics are ecosystems, food chains, animal classifications, fossils, etc. Examples of Social Studies topics are Canadian regions, provinces, capitals, geographical terms, land forms, etc.

### **HELP SESSIONS**

Strategies for academic success with opportunities for individual questions on such topics as: the culture of Richmond schools, evaluation and assessment, the wellrounded student, work habits, homework and other useful topics. Experienced international students will share experience and advice.



### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Games, team projects and presentations are designed to foster new friendships and provide an opportunity for social interaction and learning in a fun and integrative environment. Field trips will be organized to enrich learning experiences, e.g. Grouse Mountain, Vancouver Aquarium, etc.

### HOMEWORK HELP

Students are able to receive help from Connections teachers if they have questions regarding their homework from school.

The academic component will be delivered in small groups by qualified teachers. Connections Program times are listed below:



### SCHEDULE\*

Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
4PM-6PM		Group A		Group A		
10AM-1PM OR						Group A
9AM-4PM**						Activities
						<ul> <li>Projects</li> <li>field trips</li> </ul>
*Schedule will be determined by student enrolment and is subject to change. ** Saturday hours will be 10AM-1PM but 9AM-4PM on a field trip day. Students are responsible for entrance fees and meals on field trips.						

### **CONNECTIONS DETAILS**

Cost: CAD \$1800 per semester

Dates: September 13 to December 15, 2022

Location: Palmer Secondary, 8160 St. Albans Road, Richmond.

If you would like to benefit from the extra support this program will provide, please contact Ms. Angela Tsang, Student Support Manager, at 778-296-4259 or email to <u>atsang@sd38.bc.ca</u>.



# ONLINE COURSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR REGISTRATION

The focus of the Richmond International Education (RIE) is to provide the best learning conditions possible for all the international students who choose to attend Richmond public schools. In most cases, for English Language Learners (ELL), we believe that the best learning conditions are to be found in a class directly interacting with students and teachers. Online courses provide some challenges, but there are times when taking an online course can be considered. The best online courses are offered through the Richmond School District's Virtual School. Other online learning providers also offer on-line courses, but Richmond International students are discouraged, for a number of reasons, from taking courses outside of the District.

Students interested in enrolling in an online course must discuss with your school counsellor and further receive a course pre-approval by your school-based RIE Coordinator. You are informed of this requirement when you and your parents acknowledge the *Online Course Terms and Conditions for Registration* form and the *Rules and Expectations* form when accepting our Letter of Offer.

Upon arrival, you are also reminded in the RIE New Students Orientation in August or January. In the beginning of the school year, you also work with your school counsellor to set up your course timetable. Your school counsellor will review your request to take any course online if this is the best option outside of a classroom setting.

This requirement also applies to any summer school courses you might consider taking. Therefore, if you come to the school office at a later date seeking credit for an online course, Distance Learning (DL) course or a summer school course completed elsewhere, the school-based RIE coordinator can ask you for *the RIE Online Course Terms and Conditions for Registration* form that was given to you to allow you to do this. <u>Without such, you may be asked to drop the online course AND withdraw from the RIE program immediately.</u>



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# **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

### STREET SAFETY

### Be Prepared, Be Smart, Be Safe!

When going out, have fun, but do be careful for your personal safety. Get directions before leaving. If possible, try not to walk on dark roads or in areas with few people. Tell your friends or your homestay family your schedule. When going somewhere, let them know your plans and call them when you have arrived safely. If you go out at night, go with friends. If you are walking alone, know where you are going and look confident. If you are alone on a bus and someone bothers you or you feel unsafe, change seats or ask the bus driver for assistance.

Richmond and Metro Vancouver are generally very safe by world standards. However, as with anywhere on the planet, you do need to use your common sense and be aware of your surroundings.

### FOR POLICE, FIRE OR AMBULANCE, CALL: 911

When you call 911, an emergency operator (or dispatcher) will ask, "*Police, fire, or ambulance*?" Tell the dispatcher which one you need. If you want to speak in your own language, tell the dispatcher the language that you speak. Then, the dispatcher will connect you to the department immediately for further assistance.

<WHEN TO CALL 911> Only call 911 if a person is badly hurt or in danger now!

For example, you witness a car accident where two cars collide or a pedestrian is hit by a car. You should call 911 for ambulance!

For example, someone suddenly collapses on the street or is having difficulty breathing and turning blue. You should call 911 for ambulance!

For example, you see someone hurting another person or climbs into a window to break into a house. You should call 911 for police!

For example, you see someone's house is on fire. You should call 911 for fire!

**NEVER** call 911 as a joke. Other people may have a real emergency but are being put on hold when you are occupying the 911 line.

### FOR MEDICAL HELP

For medical emergencies in Richmond, please visit the following hospitals:

#### **Richmond Hospital**

7000 Westminster Highway, Richmond. Emergency 604-244-5151 General Switchboard 604-278-9711

#### BC Children's Hospital

4480 Oak Street, Entrance 55, Vancouver. Parent phone line 604-875-2045 (assess pediatric patients up to 16 years of age who present with acute medical, surgical and mental health illnesses or injuiries.)



#### 811 - BC Nurses' Helpline

For non-emergency health issues, call tollfree in BC: 811 - BC Nurses' Helpline. This is a free dial service available from anywhere in the province of BC, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in 130 languages. A health service navigator can assist you and also redirect you to a registered nurse, a registered dietitian, a qualified exercise professional, and/or a pharmacist.



#### RIE Insurance - StudyInsured

The RIE's private insurance provider, StudyInsured, offers a 24-hour helpline in multiple languages to assist students with any medical issue. Their 24-hour medical service, StudyInsured<sup>™</sup> Assistance, must be contacted within 48 hours of an emergency.

1-866-883-9787 (Toll free) 1-416-640-7865 (Call Collect)

Students are also encouraged to contact StudyInsured<sup>™</sup> Assistance prior to visiting a clinic in Richmond as some will be able to provide an expedited claim process.

# **MEDICAL INSURANCE**

International students in our district are provided with medical insurance for the duration of their stay in our program. International students will be covered under our insurance group plan, the type of insurance they receive will vary depending on their duration of stay in our program.

Students will either have insurance through StudyInsured, or a combination of StudyInsured and the BC government's public health plan (the Medical Services Plan/MSP).

### INSURANCE SCHEDULE

Students in BC for 0 to 6 months	Students in BC for 6 months or longer
Students will be covered by <b>StudyInsured</b> for the duration of their stay.	Students will be covered by <b>StudyInsured</b> for the first 3 months upon arrival at Vancouver International airport (YVR). After the first 3 months, students will be covered by <b>Medical Services Plan (MSP)</b> and <b>StudyInsured</b> "Comprehensive+ Plan".

### STUDYINSURED - COMPREHENSIVE+ PLAN

To learn more about the Comprehensive+ Plan by StudyInsured, please visit

www.studyinsured.com/richmondsd

### MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN (MSP)

To learn more about the BCMedical Services Plan visit

www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/healthdrug-coverage/msp

### MENTAL WELLNESS

It is very important to maintain positive physical and mental well-being. Richmond International Education wants you to know that we are here to support you. There are many support , services and resources available to support your mental health.

- Reach out to your school-based RIE Coordinator or RIE Office
- Speak with a counsellor at school
- Talk to Homestay Parents, Custodian or Parents (whoever you are comfortable talking with.)
- Call 811 (free-of-charge) to speak with a healthcare professional

# LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

It is absolutely unacceptable for international secondary students to live alone, without adult supervision at all times. If you are not living with adult family members, then you must be in a district-approved homestay. Failure to do this will result in you being withdrawn from school and the International Education Programs. These rules are enforced, for your safety and personal protection.

For any concerns or problems, talk to either:

- Your custodian
- Your homestay family (known as the "Responsible Person")
- The RIE Homestay Manager Ms. Karen York
- Your school RIE school-based Coordinator (always one of your school's vice-principals)
- Your school's counseling department
- Richmond International Education office: 604-668-6217

Remember, there is always someone who is willing to give you support and guidance.





# **STUDY PERMITS**

Each school year all students (new and returning) must present a copy of their current study permit to the RIE office. This will ensure continued medical insurance coverage. <u>Renewal of the study</u> <u>permit is your responsibility</u>. Give yourself plenty of time to renew the study permit before your current one expires. For more information, please visit the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) website <u>www.cic.gc.ca</u>. IRCC also has a toll-free number for both general and case-specificinquiries 1-888-242-2100.

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# ENTRY VISA TO CANADA AND ETA

Citizens of certain countries must apply for and receive an entry visa before departure to Canada, and then must show their entry visa to the Canada Customs Officer at the Port of Entry: for example, upon arrival at Vancouver International Airport (YVR). For a list of countries that are exempt and non-exempt for an entry visa, please visit <u>www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp</u>

One can apply for a multiple entry visa. Without a valid entry visa, a student is prohibited to enter Canada.

If you are holding a valid study permit and currently <u>inside</u> of Canada, you can re-apply for an entry visa at Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). For more information, please visit <u>www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/cpp-o-apply.asp</u>



An eTA (Electronic Travel Authorization), is an entry requirement for visa-exempted national foreigner to enter to Canada by air. eTA is linked to a traveller's passport and therefore, one must get a new eTA if one's passport is new. For more information on eTA, please visit www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta/facts.html

You should keep your passport and study permit in a safe and secure place at all times. Do not carry your passport and study permit around with you.

You are responsible for ensuring that you maintain a valid student permit and visa in order to continue to study and temporarily reside in Canada.

# **RIE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

There are two Richmond International Educations (RIE) student scholarships available from the Richmond School District, for students who are enrolled in the RIE. Application procedure, timeline and online forms can be obtained from your school RIE coordinator early April every year

### RIE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

#### Scholarship Eligibility

- must be a Richmond School District International Student

- will be graduating from a Richmond public secondary school in the year of scholarship application

- will be pursuing full time public post-secondary study in British Columbia

Registration to the post-secondary institution must be completed within 18 months of the secondary school graduation date.

#### Criteria

- based on the average of academic achievement in the top six subjects from the Graduation Program taken during the final year of study at a Richmond public secondary school.

-The eligible courses must be Grade 11 or 12, and be completed at the home school(s) - Marks must be based on the prior term and on the mid Term Report (Semester Program) or the Term 2 Report (Linear Program)

- Candidates will have the schools calculate their GPA for the Graduation Program

#### Selection Process

Selection of the successful applicant(s) will be the responsibility of the RIE Screening Committee. The amount of the scholarship will be a maximum of \$1,000 each for up to two scholarships based on the quality of applications. The awarding of either one or two scholarships will be left to the discretion of the RIE selection panel.

#### Application Deadline

All candidates will submit their completed applications by April 27<sup>th</sup> of each year. Applications will be considered in early May with results communicated to schools no later than May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

# RIE ALL ROUND STUDENT AWARD

### Scholarship Eligibility

- must be a Richmond School District International Student

- will be graduating from a Richmond public secondary school in the same year

- will be pursuing full time public post-secondary study in British Columbia

Registration to the post-secondary institution must be completed within 18 months of the secondary school graduation date.

### Criteria

- based on the average of academic achievement in the top six subjects from the Graduation Program taken during the final year of study at a Richmond public secondary school.

-The eligible courses must be Grade 11 or 12, and be completed at the home school(s) - Marks must be based on the prior term and on the mid Term Report (Semester Program) or the Term 2 Report (Linear Program)

- Candidates will have the schools calculate their GPA for the Graduation Program In addition students will demonstrate:

- an interest in service to others
- their active participation in school and/or community activities
- good citizenship and leadership within the school and/or community

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# **CULTURAL & SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES**

### **RIE-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES – FIELD TRIPS**

Every year, the RIE organizes field trips for our RIE students. In past years, we brought our students to Victoria, Whistler, Yukon, and the Rockies.

Field trip information will be available on our website **studyinrichmond.sd38.bc.ca** for registration in the beginning of the school year.



The Butchart Gardens, Victoria



Breakfast time, Yukon



A 4-day Rockies trip



A 3-day Yukon trip

### SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

First and foremost, become involved in your school's extra-curricular activities. These activities evolve around three themes: athletics, fine arts, and student leadership. Joining teams, clubs and other such activities is an excellent way to meet and make new friends.

All secondary schools offer a wide range of athletics, either through team membership or individual participation. Typical sports available include: basketball, badminton, table tennis, soccer, volleyball, field hockey, swimming, and golf. In addition, daily intramural programs offer students the opportunity to participate in school sports in a less competitive format. Most schools have weight rooms and many schools have attached community centres with open and 'drop-in' gym schedules. All secondary schools have extensive fine arts programs. Students can participate in fine arts either through coursework or through extra-curricular special events, productions, Schools have annual and competitions. drama and musical productions. These large productions are always looking for participants and volunteers. This is an excellent way to make new friends. In addition, all schools also offer courses in photography, drawing, painting, and ceramics.

Student leadership takes many forms. There are student humanitarian projects ranging from local to global assistance, which students can volunteer for. There are social justice clubs including multiculturalism and environmental clubs. Throughout the school year, there are numerous charitable campaigns. All of these clubs and projects are always looking for student volunteers and this is an excellent way both to do something meaningful and to again make new friends.



### ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY

The following clubs and organizations operate independently from the school district. Fees are usually required to participate. All of these clubs and organizations are located within the city of Richmond. Similar opportunities also exist throughout Greater Vancouver.

AQUATICS BC Water Polo	604-333-3480 www.bcwp.ca
Richmond Rapids Swim Club	604-275-7946 www.richmondrapids.com
Richmond Kigoos Swim Club	604-275-2400 <u>www.kigoos.com</u>
Pacific Wave Synchronized Swim Club	604-216-7444 www.pacificwavesynchro.ca
Steveston Athletic Association	604-657-6770 <u>www.thesaa.ca</u>
(Triathlete group training at Watermania)	
SKATING Coast Hockey League	604-585-4625 <u>www.coasthockey.com</u>
(adult hockey leagues for males and females	5)
Connaught Skating Club	604-273-3443 www.connaughtsc.com
(group and private lessons available)	
Richmond Rockets Speed Skating Club	www.richmondrockets.org
Richmond Jets Minor Hockey Association	604-454-4494 www.richmondjetsmha.com
(Hockey programs for girls and boys 4-20 ye	ars)
MARTIAL ARTS Judo – Steveston Judo Club	604-271-0037 <u>www.stevestonjudo.com</u>
Karate - Goju Ryu–Steveston	604-272-4660 <u>www.uchiage.ca</u>
Kendo – Steveston Kendo Club	www.stevestonkendo.ca
NET SPORTS Richmond Tennis Club	604-273-3631 <u>www.richmondtennisclub.com</u>
Westlu Badminton	www.westlu.com
Canadian Chinese Table Tennis Federation	604-278-0033 <u>www.ccttf.org</u>

Richmond Air Attack Volleyball

#### **GYMNASTICS**

Richmond Gymnastics Association

Ultra Rhythmics

### **FIELD SPORTS**

Richmond Field Hockey Club

Richmond Lacrosse

(Boys and girls lacrosse for all ages)

Richmond Kajaks Track & Field Club

Richmond Minor Football and Cheer Squad

Richmond Rugby Football Club

Richmond FC Boys and Girls Soccer

Richmond Girls Softball

Richmond Cricket Club

#### Rowing

John M.S. Lecky UBC Boathouse

### DANCE

Richmond Academy of Dance

Horse-riding

Riverside Equestrian Center

604-277-4655 www.ultrarhythmics.com

604-278-3614 www.richmondgymnastics.com

www.rfhc.ca

www.richmondlacrosse.com

www.kajaks.org

www.raidersfootball.ca

www.richmondrugby.ca

www.richmondfc.ca

604-275-4649 www.rgsa.ca

www.richmondcricketclub.ca

604-827-2011 www.ubcboathouse.com

604-278-7816 www.richmondacademyofdance.com

604-271-4186 www.riversidestables.ca

### GOLF – PUBLIC COURSES AND DRIVING RANGES

Country Meadows Golf Course	604-241-4653 <u>www.countrymeadowsgolfcourse.ca</u>
Mylora Golf Courses	604-271-5626 <u>www.mylora.ca</u>
Greenacres Golf Course	604-273-1121 <u>www.greenacresgolfcourse.com</u>

In addition to school and community activities, there are many other opportunities for exercise, entertainment, and cultural experiences. Some of these opportunities are described below:

www.airattack.ca

# CITY OF RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTRES

The city of Richmond has community centres that are open to all residents of Richmond. Most of these community centres are attached to or located near a secondary school.

The following community centres would be of interest to international students:

CAMBIE (Attached to Cambie Secondary School)

604-233-8399 www.richmond.ca/cambie

MINORU CENTRE (Across the street from Richmond Secondary School)

604-233-6225 www.richmond.ca/minoyu

SOUTH ARM (Beside McRoberts and near McNair Secondary School)

604-718-8060 www.richmond.ca/southarm

STEVESTON (Near McMath Secondary School)

604-718-8080, www.richmond.ca/steveston

**THOMPSON** (Beside Burnett Secondary School )

604-718-8422 www.richmond.ca/thompson

WEST RICHMOND (Beside Boyd Secondary School )

604-718-8400 www.richmond.ca/westrichmond

### THE RICHMOND OVAL

The former site of the 2010 Winter Olympics is the newest community centre. Drop in or obtain monthly memberships for a wide range of sports from basketball, badminton, table tennis, track, ice skating, and a large range of weights and aerobics equipment.

All community centres offer a wide range of sporting and athletic activities, both at the centres and through excursions. Each facility also has a weight room, gymnasium with 'open gym' sessions,

and pool tables and table tennis tables. Community centres provide opportunities for you to join clubs, participate in hobbies, or play team or individual sports. This is also an excellent way to practise your English.





### AQUATICS www.richmond.ca/aquatics

Whether you want to swim laps, participate in an aquasize or aerobics class, work out in the gym or simply cool off and relax, Richmond's aquatic facilities have it all.

Richmond Aquatic Services operates four facilities:

Two are indoor facilities operating year round: Minoru Aquatic Centre and Watermania and two are outdoor seasonal pools; South Arm Pool, adjacent to South Arm Community Centre and Steveston Pool, adjacent to Steveston Community Centre.

Program offerings include daily public swim sessions, aquasize and aerobic classes, fitness programs, as well as swim lessons for beginners through to advanced training for life guarding and instructor certification. Competitive swimming and water polo opportunities are offered through Richmond's swim clubs.

### MINORU AQUATIC CENTRE

7560 Minoru Gate (near Richmond Secondary School) Phone: 604-718-8020 Public Swim Info: 604-276-4300 Minoru Aquatic Centre features include:

- 25 metre pool
- 30 metre pool
- 2 large whirlpools
- 1 & 3 metre diving boards
- Rope swing
- Sauna
- Exercise room



### WATERMANIA

14300 Entertainment Blvd. (near Steveston Highway and Number Six Road) Phone: 604-448-5353 Public Swim Info: 604-276-4300 Watermania features include:

- A 57 metre competition pool with movable bulkhead
- 1 and 3 metre spring boards, plus a 5 metre tower
- A wave pool with interactive water play features
- 2 exciting waterslides
- A steam room and sauna
- 2 large whirlpools

### ICE SKATING www.richmond.ca/arenas

### MINORU ARENAS

7551 Minoru Gate (near Richmond Secondary School)

Phone: 604-718-8465 for public skating information

Minoru Arenas has 2 regulation size rinks (200' by 85') and offers ice from September to April. Facility amenities include the following:

- The Time Out Cafe concession
- Skate and helmet rentals, for public skating
- Seating for up to 2,000 spectators on the Stadium rink

Minoru Arenas is home to the Junior "B" Richmond Sockeyes of the Pacific International Junior Hockey League. Watch the excitement of a hockey game for a small admission price. The Connaught Skating Club and Richmond Lacrosse Association use the Minoru Arenas as their home rinks.

### RICHMOND ICE CENTRE

14140 Triangle Road (near Steveston Highway and Number Six Road) Phone: 604-448-5366 Public Skate/Drop-In Hockey info: 604-276-4300 Skate Lesson Info: 604-276-4300 The Richmond Ice Centre has 6 regulation size rinks (200' by 85') and offers year round ice with dry

The Richmond Ice Centre has 6 regulation size rinks (200' by 85') and offers year round ice with dry floor available in the spring and summer on two of the six rinks. The Ice Centre amenities include the following:

- Skate and helmet rentals
- Skating lessons offered for all ages year round
- Public ice skate time is available year round

The Richmond Ice Centre is home to Richmond Jet Minor Hockey, Richmond Ringette, and Richmond Girls Ice Hockey. Connaught Skating Club, Richmond Youth Roller Hockey League and Coast Hockey.

THE RICHMOND OVAL 6111 River Rd. Phone: 778-296-1400 info@richmondoval.ca



After the Winter Olympics, the Oval was modified to serve as a recreation and fitness centre. Two regulation size ice rinks are available for public skating. There are also a wide range of drop-in activities at the Richmond Oval including basketball courts, weight rooms, and a climbing wall.

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES** WWW.YOURLIBRARY.CA

For hours of operation: 604-231-6401 For loans, overdues, and holds: 604-231-6464



As a resident of the city of Richmond, you are entitled to a free library card, which entitles you to borrow books, DVDs, and CDs for free and to use all library facilities, including free Internet access. You can also download books. To obtain the library card, you need to bring to a library branch proof of your current address along with a piece of identification.The Richmond Public Library has four branches:

### BRIGHOUSE (MAIN) BRANCH

100-7700 Minoru Blvd at Granville Avenue 9:00 am - 9:30 pm Mon.-Fri. 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Sat., Sun., & Holiday Hours

Getting there by bus:

All major Richmond bus routes stop at Richmond Centre Exchange on No. 3 Road and Cook Road. Brighouse Branch is one block west, behind the Richmond Centre Shopping Mall.

### IRONWOOD BRANCH

Unit 8200, 11688 Steveston Hwy at No. 5 Road (Located in the Ironwood Shopping Mall) 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Mon.-Fri. 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Sat.- Sun. & Holiday Hours Information Desk: 604-231-6468

Getting there by bus:

From Richmond Centre Exchange, take the 404 LADNER EXCH/ RICHMOND CTR or 403 THREE ROAD bus and get off at Coppersmith (when you see the Tim Hortons restaurant). Ironwood Branch is in the Ironwood Shopping Mall complex, near London Drugs.

### STEVESTON BRANCH

4111 Moncton Street, near No. 1 Road (Located in Steveston Community Centre)
10:00 am - 9:00 pm Mon. - Thurs.
10:00 am - 5:00 pm Fri., Sat.
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sun. & Holiday Hours
Information Desk: 604-274-2012

Getting there by bus:

From Richmond Centre Exchange, take the 402 bus and get off at the Steveston Community Centre. Steveston Branch is in the Community Centre.

### CAMBIE BRANCH

Unit 150 - 11590 Cambie Road (Cambie Shopping Plaza [south-west corner]) 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Mon.-Fri. 11:00 am - 5:00 pm Sat.-Sun. & Holiday Hours Information Desk: 604-273-ABCD (2223)

#### Getting there by bus:

From Richmond Centre Exchange, take the 410 22ND ST STN bus heading east and get off at Cambie Road and No. 5 Road. Cambie Branch is behind the Dairy Queen in the shopping mall.

# SHOPPING IN RICHMOND

### Aberdeen Centre

Address: 4151 Hazelbridge Way

604-270-1234 www.aberdeencentre.com

Catering primarily to Richmond's Asian population, this sprawling three-story complex features more than two hundred and fifty stores. The central atrium houses a large water fountain display.

#### Lansdowne Centre

Address: No. 3 Road at Alderbridge Way 604-270-1344 <u>http://lansdowne-centre.com</u> Over one hundred and thirty shops, restaurants, specialty shops and services. Anchored by Best Buy and Toys 'R' Us.

### McArthurglen Vancouver Outlet

Address: 1000-7899 Templeton Station Rd

604-231-5525 www.mcarthurglen.com/en/outlets/ca/designer-outlet-vancouver

Conveniently located near the Vancouver International Airport (YVR), this outlet has over seventy leading brands to choose from such as Armani, Calvin Klein, Coach, Cole Haan, Columbia, Fossil, Guess, Kate Spade, Ice Breaker, Lindt, Lole, Michael Kors, Peoples, Ports, Samsonite, Under Armour...etc. It is a 10-minute skytrain ride from YVR to Canada Line Templeton Station. At the YVR skytrain station, selection "Sea Island Only" and it is free of charge.

#### Parker Place

Address: 4311 Hazelbridge Way

604-273-0276 www.parkerplace.com

Parker Place has over one hundred and fifty stores carrying trendy products that attract youngsters and daily necessities that appeal to families. The mall is open all year round

#### President Plaza

Address: 8181 Cambie Road and No 3 Road

#### 604 270-8677 www.presidentplaza.ca

President Plaza is located in the Golden Village shopping district and next to the Radisson President Hotel & Suites, and offers everything from Chinese tea and ginseng, specialty gifts and cosmetics to a food fair and Chinese restaurant, an Asian supermarket and professional services.

### **Richmond Centre**

Address: 6551 No. 3 Road and Granville Avenue

604-713-7467 www.richmondcentre.com

Department stores such as The Hudson's Bay and Coast Mountain Sports, and an international mix of merchants like Aeropostale, Apple, Banana Republic, BCBG MAXAZRIA, Esprit, the Gap, GUESS, Jacob, Mexx, Nike, and Sony are located in this mall. This is Richmond's biggest mall.

### **Richmond Night Market**

Address: 8351 River Road

604-244-8448 www.richmondnightmarket.com

Situated near No 3 and Bridgeport, it is easily accessible by foot, car, bus or Canada Line train. It consists of 250 booths offering cool merchandise, 80 vendors serving mouth-watering food and desserts and more than a thousand parking stalls. It is open from mid-May to early October.

#### Yaohan Centre

Address: 3700 No. 3 Road and Cambie Road

604-231-0601 www.yaohancentre.com

This mall is in Richmond's Golden Village shopping district and features more than eighty stores, including an Asian supermarket and a food court with fifteen different Asian cuisines.



### Crystal Mall (Burnaby)

Address: 4500 Kingsway Ave., Burnaby

604-438-6263 www.thecrystalmall.ca

Next to Metrotown Centre, Crystal Mall has over two hundred retail stores and services ranging from beauty and hair care, cellular, Chinese herbal medicine and health food, coffee shops and eatery, computer and electronic, dental, education and immigration, fashion and accessories, financial and insurance, grocery market, home appliances and furnishing, jewelry, notary public, optical, restaurant, and travel.

### Granville Street (Downtown Vancouver)

Granville Street is the centre of the downtown shopping and entertainment experience. **Pacific Centre**, a three-story underground/indoor shopping experience with over one hundred stores and services is nearby. West of Granville Street, on Robson Street, is the **Vancouver Art Gallery**.

### Granville Island (Vancouver)

Granville Avenue, on the south side of False Creek, near Granville Street, has an authentic farmer's market, and lots of galleries, boutiques and touristy stores. The "heart" of the Island is the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design, named for the famous West Coast artist of tall trees and totems. There are restaurants, sounds of passing seagulls, and views of yachts, both large and small, cruising by. Access is by SkyTrain (Canada Line) – Yaletown-Roundhouse Station - and a short walk south to False Creek. Look for small, bobbing ferry boats that will take you to Granville Island for a small fee.

### Kitsilano (Vancouver)

This district, close to Vanier Park, the Planetarium, and Kitsilano "Kits" Beach (between Burrard and Balsam Streets) has many little shops and boutiques for the board sports and the beach. It's the centre of beach culture in Vancouver. There are many stores for snow, skim, wake, surf, and skateboards and the area is a hang-out for athletes, real or imagined. Also nearby is the "Yorkville" area, names for its proximity to York Street, along the 1800 block of West First Avenue. This area has a gym, a couple of day spas, aromatherapy shops and sidewalk bistros.

### Metrotown Centre (Burnaby)

Address: 4800 Kingsway Ave., Burnaby

604 438-2444 www.metropolisatmetrotown.com

Metrotown Centre is the largest shopping mall in BC, with over four hundred and fifty stores and services located on three sprawling levels. Easy access to the mall is by SkyTrain (Expo Line) and public transit buses.

### Robson Street (Downtown Vancouver)

This area has many European boutiques, and used to be called "Robsonstrasse" because of the German stores, delis, and restaurants. These days it has gone upscale with designer boutiques and trendy restaurants, including such names as Chanel, Zegna, Fluevog, and Louis Vuitton. There are also some major name brand stores like Banana Republic, French Connection and Club Monaco that mingle with popular local boutiques. (Robson Street happens to have the highest retail rents in Canada because of its foot traffic.) Strolling down Robson Street is a very nice way to go to or come from Stanley Park.

### Tsawwassen Mills (Delta)

Address: 52nd Street from Highway 17 (at the end of the highway to the Victoria Ferry) By bus from the Bridgeport Canada Line Station, take either #601 – South Delta via Ladner Exchange or #620 – Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal via Ladner Exchange and for either bus, hop off at 52<sup>nd</sup> St.

The newest shopping mall in BC, is huge and is home of the Bass Pro store, a must see hunting, fishing and general outdoors store. The Bass Pro store also has an in-store bowling alley open to the public.

#### West Broadway (Vancouver)

West Broadway has many interesting and less expensive stores, especially between Macdonald and Alma Streets. Going east from Cambie Street is the area called "Camperland," named for the dozen-or-so outdoor stores and outfitters, anchored by 30,000 square foot Mountain Equipment Coop (130 W Broadway).

# **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

# SKYTRAIN ROUTE FROM RICHMOND TO VANCOUVER

TransLink is the name of the public transit system for Richmond and the rest of Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD), or "Metro Vancouver". With a TransLink reloadable Compass Card, you can travel on all city buses, SkyTrain (an elevated light rail system) routes, West Coast Express train, and the Sea Bus (a ferry boat from downtown Vancouver across the harbour to North Vancouver). Get a Compass Concession Card if you are 18 or younger for reduced fares.

The best source of information for this extensive public transport system is to access the website:

#### www.translink.ca



Look at the top of the web page. There you can choose from Schedules and Maps for routes and departure times from your nearest bus stop; Fares for information on prices; and Rider Guide for for everything else.

Most Richmond bus routes begin and end at the Canada Line - Richmond-Brighouse Station, across from Richmond Centre.

# TEN THINGS EVERY VANCOUVERITE MUST DO AT LEAST ONCE

You have not had a true "West Coast Experience" until you have 'checked off' all of the following:

- ✓ Ski or snowboard on a local mountain Cypress, Grouse, Seymour all offer rentals, lessons and lifts.
- ✓ Sun tan and swim at Kits Beach or English Bay May and June or take part in the Polar Bear Swim – every January 1<sup>st</sup> at English Bay.
- ✓ Take a walk or jog around the Sea Wall at Stanley Park about 8 kilometres.
- ✓ Visit the aquarium at Stanley Park.
- ✓ Shop and stroll Downtown Vancouver.
- ✓ Climb the Grouse Grind opens in late spring. Very challenging
- ✓ Run or walk in the Vancouver Sun 10 K Run every April.
- ✓ Visit the Anthropology Museum at UBC Aboriginal Art from around the world with special attention to the West Coast.
- ✓ Take the Sea Bus to the North Shore and see the bustling harbour of the Port of Vancouver.
- ✓ Take in a concert or sports event at BC Place or Rogers Arena.





# OTHER SITES AND ACTIVITIES FOR VISITORS TO GREATER VANCOUVER

- Ferry trip to Victoria, on Vancouver Island for Royal BC Museum, Legislative Buildings, The Empress Hotel, shopping and sight-seeing
- Trip to Whistler-Blackcomb for world-class skiing, mountain biking, and hiking
- Steveston Village for the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site (Museum), Britannia Ship Yards Museum, shopping and fish docks
- Finn Slough Historic Fishing Village at the end of No. 4 Road in Richmond
- Vancouver Maritime Museum
- Vancouver Art Gallery
- H.R. MacMillan Space Centre & Planetarium, Vancouver Museum and Vanier Park
- Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden
- Lynn Canyon Park and Suspension Bridge
- Queen Elizabeth Park and Conservatory
- Stanley Park with the seawall, aquarium, outdoor pools, beaches, and forest trails
- The Lookout at Harbour Centre
- Capilano Suspension Bridge
- Gastown Steam Clock
- Imax at Canada Place
- Omnimax Theatre at Science World
- Science World
- Cypress Mountain, Grouse Mountain, and Mount Seymour hiking trails and ski hills









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