



**ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY**  
**FROM LEARNERS TO LEADERS**



## **Rockridge Secondary School**

# **Academic Profile 2021/2022**

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Semester 1: Sep.07 - Jan.31  
 Semester 2: Feb.01 - Jun.24

Last year most students had a combination of in person and virtual courses. A few of our students were off campus for the full year and only participated in virtual learning. Hopefully all classes will be held in person this year. Classes meet four times per week for between 80 to 115 minutes per day. Students also have the opportunity to work independently or collaboratively with the support of their teachers on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 90 minutes.

### Our School

Rockridge Secondary School is a co-ed public school founded in 1996 in the municipality of West Vancouver. Rockridge is an authorized International Baccalaureate World School where all students in Grades 8-10 participate in the IB Middle Years Programme. Rockridge also offers a range of Advanced Placement (AP) courses for Grade 11 and 12 students to get a head start in their post-secondary studies. The total enrollment this year is 883 students. Our students travel daily from islands, coastal inlets, the sea to-sky corridor, North Vancouver and West Vancouver. The current graduating class of 199 students, comprises a diverse range of cultures, socioeconomic status, parental education backgrounds and career aspirations. Adding to our student diversity are our international students which make up approximately 8-10% of our total student population and come from all over the world.

### Mission Statement

Rockridge Secondary School strives to graduate responsible and creative global citizens in a respectful and diverse environment where relevant learning fosters excellence in personal achievement, compassion, curiosity, and critical thinking.

### The School Calendar

March of 2020 we moved to providing virtual learning for all our students. This continued until the end of June, 2020. Students received final marks based on work completed during the entire 2019/20 school year. In September 2020, we moved from a linear school timetable to a quarterly system to provide more flexibility during the pandemic. This fall we changed the time table again to a semester system. Students typically take four courses per semester with some of our AP, career courses and fine arts courses being offered over the entire year.

### Graduation Requirements

80 credits including English Language Arts 10-12, Math 10 and 11 or 12, Science 10 and 11 or 12, Social Studies 10 and 12, PE 10, one Fine Arts or Applied Skills 10-12, Careers 10 and 12, and 30 hours of experiential learning are required for the BC Dogwood Diploma. Students must take a minimum of three other Grade 12 courses in addition to English or English First Peoples 12 and are also required to take formal provincial graduation numeracy and literacy assessments.

### Marking System

Rockridge uses an unweighted 100-point system. The following is a list of British Columbia Ministry of Education authorized final letter grades for all courses listed on report cards and transcripts. The GPA equivalent, on a 4.0 scale, is listed for the purpose of US university information only:

A	(86-100%)	4.0	Excellent Achievement
B	(73-85%)	3.0	Very Good Achievement
C+	(67-72%)	2.5	Satisfactory Achievement
C	(60-66%)	2.0	Acceptable Achievement
C-	(50-59%)	1.0	Pass
F	(0-49%)	0.0	Fail
I	-	-	Incomplete





## Honour Roll / Awards

Honour Roll is achieved with a GPA of 79.5 to 85.4. Honours with Distinction is achieved with a GPA of 85.5 to 100. Calculations are based on courses taken within the West Vancouver School District and on a student's best marks on 6 of 8 Grade 12 courses taken in their final year. No failing or incomplete marks are allowed; only courses with letter grades assigned are eligible to be included (see the Rockridge website for further details). The Prestige Award is given to two Rockridge students in each grade who have shown outstanding excellence in academics, fine arts or sports and leadership. The Principal's Award is given to two Rockridge students in each grade who have shown leadership and community spirit in clubs or activities in and outside of the school.

## Enriched Programs 2021/2022

Rockridge offered fewer enriched programs last year due to Covid-19 and resulting changes in the time table. Moving to a semestered timetable has resulted in students needing to front load their first semester which may result in a less optimal learning environment. Changing from linear to quarterly and then semester has proved challenging for students. When students have an AP course in semester 2, students are expected to attend seminars during semester one, in addition to their regular course load. Due to the new schedule several AP courses overlap and therefore students need to pick and choose which AP courses they take. AP Courses are unweighted.

AP 2-D Design Portfolio 12  
AP Calculus AB 12  
AP Calculus BC 12  
AP Biology 12  
AP Chemistry 12  
AP Computer Science Principles 12  
AP English Literature & Composition 12  
AP Physics 1  
AP Physics 2  
AP Psychology 12  
AP Statistics 12  
AP Studio Art (Drawing) 12  
Pre-AP English 11  
Pre-AP Biology 11  
Pre-AP Chemistry 11  
Pre-AP Studio Art 11  
Enriched English 10  
IB Middle Years Certificate



## The Pursuit Programme

Rockridge is a member of the BC Pursuit Programme, which is open to grade 10-12 students by application. It is meant for those who engage in 20 plus hours of training/competition per week and are seriously committed to high-calibre performing arts or athletics at the regional or provincial level.



## Premier Academies & Specialized Programs

Rockridge offered few district academy programs last year as a result to Covid-19. This year programs include: Baseball, Basketball, Carpentry, Engineering, Environmental Science, Fashion Industry, Fencing, Field Hockey, First Aid Swim Training, Honour Choir, Outdoor Recreation, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, Robotics, Yoga Teacher Training, Young Entrepreneurs and Leadership, Volleyball.

## Athletics

Rockridge Ravens participate in the following sports:

Boys teams:	Girls teams:	Co-ed:	
basketball	basketball	badminton	ski
soccer	field hockey	cross	snowboard
volleyball	girls rugby	country	swimming
rugby	soccer	golf	tennis
	volleyball	mountain	ultimate
		biking	wrestling

## Clubs and Activities

As a result of the pandemic, there were limited opportunities for our students to volunteer for clubs and community activities last year. This year students were able to resume most activities, clubs and community services. These include everything from an investment club to activities with a strong humanitarian base.

## University Placements

Rockridge graduates attend university and post-secondary programs at a rate of 85% (within one year of graduation), compared to a provincial rate of 57%. Approximately 50 per cent of Rockridge graduates attend university outside of their home province. Rockridge graduates are well represented at universities and colleges in North America and internationally:

### CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES/COLLEGES

Acadia University  
The Art Institute of Vancouver  
Bishop's University  
British Columbia Institute of Technology  
Brock University  
Capilano University  
Carleton University  
Concordia University  
Dalhousie University  
Emily Carr University  
Huron University  
Laurier University  
King's University  
McGill University  
McMaster University  
Mount Allison University  
Mount Royal University  
Queen's University  
Ryerson University  
St. Francis Xavier University (SFX)

St. Mary's University  
Simon Fraser University  
Thompson River University  
Trent University  
Trinity Western University  
University of Alberta-Edmonton  
University of British Columbia  
University of British Columbia-Okanagan  
University of Calgary  
University of Fraser Valley  
University of Guelph  
University of Manitoba  
University of New Brunswick  
University of Ottawa  
University of PEI  
University of Saskatchewan  
University of Toronto  
University of Victoria  
University of Waterloo  
University of Windsor  
Vancouver Island University  
Western University  
York University

University of Denver  
University of Minnesota  
University of Montana  
University of New Hampshire  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of San Diego  
University of Southern California  
University of Texas  
Vassar College  
Wellesley

### INTERNATIONAL POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

#### Australian Universities

Bond University  
University of Adelaide  
University of Melbourne  
University of Queensland  
University of Sydney

#### European Universities

Durham University  
Glasgow School of Art & Design  
Imperial College (London)  
International Study Centre (Herstmonceux Castle, UK)  
King's College London  
London School of Economics  
London University of the Arts  
Maastricht University  
Nottingham University  
Oxford University  
RCSI in Dublin  
St. Georges (London)  
Swiss School of Hotel Management  
UCL  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Manchester  
University of Southampton  
University of St. Andrews  
Warwick University

#### Asian Universities

Chinese University of Hong Kong  
University of Beijing  
University of Hong Kong  
University of Thailand

### AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

Arizona State University  
Bard College  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brown University  
Carnegie Mellon  
Duke University  
Emory University  
Grand Valley State University  
Harvard University  
Los Angeles Fashion Institute  
Middlebury  
Monterey College  
New York University (NYU)  
Northeastern University  
Notre Dame University  
Occidental University  
Pace University  
Pomona College  
Parsons  
Princeton  
Purchase College, SUNY  
San Diego State University  
Sarah Lawrence University  
Stanford University  
University of Arizona  
University of California (Berkeley, Irvine, UCLA, San Diego)  
University of Chicago  
University of Delaware

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