



# SENTINEL

Secondary School • École Secondaire



## Sentinel Secondary School Academic Profile 2023/2024



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## Our School

Sentinel Secondary is a comprehensive public high school that currently enrolls 1208 students in Grades 8 through 12 and offers a range of specialty programs, including Advanced Placement, French Immersion, Pursuit, and several Premier Academies.

Families choose Sentinel not only for a great academic environment, but also for remarkable arts and athletic experiences. The range of options available in our school attracts students from all over the Lower Mainland as well as more than 30 countries around the world.

## The School Calendar

Sentinel has adopted a linear system for the 2023 school year. Students take eight courses over the course of the year. There are three official reporting periods.

## Graduation Requirements

The B.C. Certificate of Graduation, or Dogwood Diploma, is awarded to students who successfully complete the provincial graduation requirements.

To graduate, students require at least 80 credits total. Of these 80 credits:

52 credits are required from the following:

- Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits).
- Science 10 (4 credits), and a Science 11 or 12 (4 credits).
- Social Studies 10 (4 credits), and a Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits).
- A Math 10 (4 credits), and a Math 11 or 12 course (4 credits).
- A Language Arts 10, 11, and a required 12 course (4 credits required at each Grade, 12 credits total).
- An Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits total).

- Career-Life Education (4 credits), and Career-Life Connections (4 credits).
- At least 28 credits must be elective course credits
- At least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required Language Arts 12 course and the Career-Life Connections course.
- 4 credits with Indigenous Education Focus

In addition, students must also complete three Provincial Graduation Assessments:

- Grade 10 Literacy Assessment;
- Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment; and
- Grade 12 Literacy Assessment.

French Immersion students can earn both a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique. To graduate with both diplomas, French Immersion students must meet the graduation requirements for the Dogwood Diploma and, of these 80 credits, they must earn:

- At least 16 credits at the Grade 12 level (including a Français langue seconde immersion course at the Grade 12 level).
- Français langue seconde-immersion 10 (4 credits).
- A Français langue seconde-immersion course at the Grade 11 level (4 credits).
- Français langue seconde-immersion 12 (4 credits).
- At least 12 credits in Grade 10, 11, or 12 courses that are in French with at least 4 of these credits at the Grade 11 or 12 level.



## Achievement Indicators

The following is a list of the British Columbia Ministry of Education authorized final letter grades for all courses listed on report cards and transcripts for students in Grades 10, 11 and 12.

A	(86-100%)	Excellent Achievement
B	(73-85%)	Very Good Achievement
C+	(67-72%)	Satisfactory Achievement
C	(60-66%)	Acceptable Achievement
C-	(50-59%)	Pass
F	(0-49%)	Fail
I	-	Incomplete
TS	Transfer Standing	Credit granted as student completed an equivalent course at another institution No final percentage.
SG	Standard Granted	Credit granted by School Administration in cases of severe illness, hospitalization, late entry or early leaving, where a sufficient level of performance has been attained.

## Grade Point Average

Grade point average is calculated as follows:

A	=	4.00
B	=	3.00
C+	=	2.50
C	=	2.00
C-	=	1.00

## Highlights from the May 2023 AP Examination Session

In May 2023, upon completion of their Advanced Placement courses at Sentinel Secondary in the 20 subjects listed above, 264 students wrote 660 AP exams.

## Enriched Programs 2023/2024

The Advanced Placement Program enables students to pursue college/university-level studies while in high school. Based on the students' performance on rigorous AP examinations, they can earn credit, advanced placement, or both, for college/university.

### Sentinel Offers 21 Courses with Portfolios or Exams

AP 2-D Art and Design 12  
AP 3-D Art and Design 12  
AP Drawing 12  
AP Biology 12  
AP Calculus AB 12  
AP Calculus BC 12  
AP Chemistry 12  
AP Chinese Language & Culture 12  
AP Computer Science A  
AP Computer Science Principles 12  
AP English Language and Composition 12  
AP English Literature and Composition 12  
AP French Language and Culture 12  
AP Japanese Language and Culture 12  
AP Physics 1  
AP Physics 2  
AP Psychology 12  
AP Research 12  
AP Seminar 11  
AP Statistics 12

### Performance Comparison of the 20 Courses

	Sentinel Secondary	British Columbia	Global
Mean Score	4.16	3.843	2.176
% Scores 3 or higher	92.1	87.625	70.49



- Sentinel students achieved scores of 5 (the highest mark) in 39% of the AP examinations they wrote, 68% of their examinations had scores of 4 or 5.
- 92.1% of Sentinel's students achieved scores of 3 or higher on their AP examinations.
- In the AP Art courses, 37 portfolios were submitted for evaluation; 100% of them had scores of 4 or 5; 78.3% had scores of 5.

## French Immersion Program

École Secondaire Sentinel offers bilingual instruction to students enrolled in the French Immersion program. Students in this program received instruction in French throughout the primary and intermediate grades. The amount of French instruction in secondary school varies according to the grade level. As students progress through the program, the amount of prescribed instructional time in French is reduced: Grades 8 and 9 = 50%, Grade 10 = 38%, Grades 11 and 12 = 25%.

## Academies

An Academy is a choice program that offers students the opportunity to complete their academic requirements and participate in skills development training in their chosen areas. The academies include Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball, and Robotics.

## The Pursuit Program

Sentinel is a member of the BC Pursuit Program, 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 caliber performing arts or athletics at the regional or provincial level.

## Athletics

Sentinel offers a wide variety of extracurricular athletic activities. Some 350 students, 30 teacher coaches and 50 teams make Sentinel's program second-to-none in terms of the quality and quantity of its offerings. Sentinel offers a sport for every kind of athlete. Some of these are:



Fall	Winter	Spring
Badminton Bantam Rugby Cross Country Girls' Field Hockey Boys Soccer Swimming Girls' Volleyball	Basketball Skiing & Snowboarding Wrestling Curling Gymnastics	Golf Tennis Track & Field Mountain Biking Jr. Boys' Rugby Sr. Boys Rugby Girls' Soccer Sr. Girls Rugby Ultimate

## Clubs & Activities

Sentinel has a wide range of clubs to encourage student involvement. These are based on parent and/or teacher sponsorship. A sampling of these includes:

Clubs	
Amnesty International Cinderella Project Diversity Club Drama Club Environmental Club	Rotary Interact Club Rowing Club Science Club Student Council Graduation Committee



## School Core Values

# G.U.A.R.D.S

grit    understanding    action    respect    decisions    spirit

Learn to love a challenge!



We recognize that the pursuit of mastery requires independence, perseverance, and a growth mindset

Different is cool. Be nice!



We celebrate diversity and attend to others with empathy and open mindedness

Find your superpower and explore it!



We pursue personal and academic excellence with purpose, honesty, integrity, and curiosity

Be grateful for what you have!



We respect ourselves, others, and our learning environment while showing gratitude towards our community

Think before you act!



We consider the implications of our choices and take responsibility for our actions

Go Spartans Go!



We engage in a fun, safe, inclusive, and dynamic school community!

## SENTINEL GUARDS

Small changes can make a big difference.

## Contacts

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## University Placements

### CANADA

Acadia University  
British Columbia Institute of Technology  
Capilano University  
Carleton University  
Concordia University - Montréal  
Dalhousie University  
Emily Carr University of Art and Design  
Langara College  
McGill University  
McMaster University  
Mount Allison University  
Ontario Medical School Application Service (OMSAS)  
Queen's University  
Ryerson University  
Simon Fraser University  
Trinity Western University  
University of Alberta  
University of British Columbia  
University of Calgary  
University of Guelph  
University of King's College  
University of Ottawa  
University of Regina  
University of Saskatchewan  
University of Toronto  
University of Victoria  
University of Waterloo  
Université Laval  
Université de Sherbrooke  
Vancouver Island University  
Western College of Veterinary Medicine  
Western University  
York University  
York University - Schulich School of Business

### GERMANY

Bezirksregierung Düsseldorf  
Brandenburgische Technische Universität  
HochschulSTART.de  
Medizinische Fakultät Mannheim  
Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg  
RWTH Aachen University  
Uni-Assist  
Zeugnisanerkennungsstelle Hessen / Staatliches  
Schulamts für den Landkreis Darmstadt-Dieburg und die Stadt Darmstadt

### UNITED STATES

Barnard College  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Cornell University  
DeSales University - Center Valley Campus  
Duke University  
Fashion Institute of Technology-SUNY  
Georgetown University  
Hope Medical Institute  
Lewis and Clark College  
New York University  
Northwestern University  
Princeton University  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Stanford University  
The New School  
University of California - Berkeley  
University of California - Los Angeles  
University of California - San Diego  
University of Hawaii - Manoa  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of San Diego  
University of Southern California  
University of the Pacific  
University of Washington  
Vanderbilt University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Williams College

### KOREA

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)  
Korea University  
Seoul National University  
The Catholic University of Korea  
Yonsei University

### CHINA

The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
The Hong Kong University of Science and Tech.  
University of Hong Kong

### JAPAN

International Christian University  
Keio Gijuku Daigaku (Keio University)

### UNITED KINGDOM

Central Saint Martin's College of Art and Design  
European Business School  
Imperial College London  
King's College London  
London School of Economics and Political Science  
Oxford Brookes University  
Oxford University  
Queen Mary, University of London  
The University of Aberdeen  
The University of Cambridge  
The University of Edinburgh  
The University of Leeds  
The University of Manchester  
Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS)  
University College London  
University of Brighton (formerly Brighton Polytechnic)  
University of Durham  
University of Liverpool  
University of Westminster

### FRANCE

Paris School of Business  
Université de Strasbourg

### SWITZERLAND

Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich  
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Universität St.Gallen (University of St.Gallen)

### NETHERLANDS

Avans University of Applied Sciences  
Leiden University  
Universiteit Maastricht  
Wageningen University

### SINGAPORE

National University of Singapore  
Singapore Management University

### POLAND

Jagiellonian University (Uniwersytet Jagiellonski)  
Medical University of Gdansk  
Medical University of Warsaw

### CZECH REPUBLIC

University of New York in Prague