



West Vancouver Secondary School



West Vancouver Secondary School Academic Profile 2023/2024

IB World School 0358
CEEB Code: 821780

We provide students with world-class learning experiences and opportunities to engage and connect with each other and the community.



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Our School

West Vancouver Secondary School was founded in 1927 and enjoys being on 17 acres of property with 2 campuses. We serve students in grades 8-12 with a dual track system offering the BC Dogwood Diploma and the IB Diploma Programme (authorized in 1988). WVSS focuses on academic excellence and an extensive elective offerings. We are a modern facility with an onsite Robotics Academy, 2 state of the art theatres, art and graphic design studios and a dance studio.

WVSS provides academic rigour which prepares our students for their post-secondary lives. 90% of our graduates proceed directly to universities or colleges locally, nationally and internationally. And each year our graduates receive and win university entrance scholarships.

Our Community

The West Vancouver School District is located in the greater Vancouver area in British Columbia and includes the District of West Vancouver, the Village of Lions Bay and Bowen Island – a distance of 18.5 kilometres from the Capilano River to Howe Sound. Current enrollment of approximately 6,500 students is drawn from a combined population of approximately 43,000 residents. The District is comprised of 14 elementary and 3 secondary schools.

Curriculum

- BC Dogwood Diploma
- IB Diploma Programme
- Premier Academies - Mechatronics Robotics, Basketball, Volleyball (WVSS) & other district academies include Badminton, Baseball, Hockey, Fencing, Field Hockey, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis
- Specialized program - Fashion industry, Honour Choir, YELL (Entrepreneurship Program), Yoga Teacher Training

Co-Curriculum Opportunities

60+ active clubs in the school including Environmental Protection Network, Best Buddies, Math Contests, Model UN

School Sports

Badminton	Mountain Biking
Basketball	Rugby
Cross Country	Skiing/Snowboarding
Curling	Soccer
Field Hockey	Swimming
Football	Tennis
Football-League	Track and Field
Golf	Ultimate Frisbee
Gymnastics	Volleyball
Hockey	Wrestling

School Information

WVSS enrollment
(grades 8-12):

1304

Number of students,
Class of 2024:

290

Number of IB Diploma
students, Class of 2024:

40

Number of students taking at
least one IB exam, Class of 2024:

80

Premier Academies:

- ROBOTICS
- BASKETBALL
- VOLLEYBALL

Number of International
Students, Class of 2024:

38

Number of teaching
faculty:

87

WVSS students going on to
university:

90%

Administration

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How Do We Do?

IB results at West Vancouver Secondary for the past 5 years

Year	Number of IB Courses Offered	Number of Candidates Examined	Number of Exams Administered	Number of Exam Scores 4 Through 7	Number of Diplomas Awarded
2023	31	78	300	272	35
2022	31	71	339	331	35
2021	29	73	388	386	43
2020	28	70	324	248	33
2019	29	95	494	357	52

Excellent IB Exam Results

- Diploma graduation class of 35 students in 2023
- 80 students in Diploma and Certificate IB programs
- In May 2023, 78 WVSS students completed a total of 376 IB courses
- The average score in 2023 was 5.4 and the Diploma score average was 34
- Last five years' average score is 5.4 points (well above the international average of 4.84) out of 7
- Last five years' average Diploma score is 35 points (well above the international average of 30.74) out of a total of 45 points

IBDP Courses We Offer (Grade 11 and 12)

STUDIES IN LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

ENGLISH A LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

IB English Lang. & Lit. A Standard Level
IB English Lang. & Lit. A Higher Level

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

FRENCH

IB French B Standard Level
IB French B Higher Level

SPANISH

IB Spanish B Standard Level
IB Spanish B Higher Level
IB Spanish ab initio Standard Level

MANDARIN

IB Chinese B Standard Level
IB Chinese B Higher Level
IB Mandarin ab initio Standard Level

JAPANESE

IB Japanese B Standard Level
IB Japanese B Higher Level
IB Japanese ab initio Standard Level

INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES

HISTORY

IB History Standard Level
IB History Higher Level

GEOGRAPHY

IB Geography Standard Level
IB Geography Higher Level

SCIENCES

BIOLOGY

IB Biology Standard Level
IB Biology Higher Level

CHEMISTRY

IB Chemistry Standard Level
IB Chemistry Higher Level

PHYSICS

IB Physics Standard Level
IB Physics Higher Level

MATHEMATICS

IB MATH: Analysis & Approaches Standard Level

IB MATH: Analysis & Approaches Higher Level

THE ARTS

THEATRE ARTS

IB Theatre Standard Level
IB Theatre Higher Level

VISUAL ARTS

IB Visual Arts Standard Level
IB Visual Arts Higher Level

FILM

IB Film Standard Level
IB Film Higher Level

CORE

IB Theory of Knowledge
IB CAS (Creativity, Activity, Services)
IB Extended Essay

BC Diploma

BC Diploma:

WVSS marks are given in percentages and are considered to be equivalent to the following letter Grades.

Letter Grades and Definitions

A 86-100%	Excellent or Outstanding Performance in relation to learning outcomes
B 73-85%	Very Good Performance in relation to learning outcomes
C+ 67-72%	Good Performance in relation to learning outcomes
C 60-66%	Satisfactory Performance in relation to learning outcomes
C- 50-59%	Minimally Acceptable Performance in relation to learning outcomes

For early decision, WVSS will submit the student's WVSS transcript from Grades 9-11, along with current IBDP predicted grades. In late November, first semester interim Grade 12 BC Diploma grades will also be submitted with updated IB predicted marks.

BC Secondary School - Dogwood Diploma:

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

Students require a minimum of 80 credits to graduate. Of these 80 credits:

- At least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required Language Arts 12
- At least 28 credits must be elective course credits

52 credits are required from the following:

- Career-Life Education (4 credits), and Career-Life Connections (4 credits)
- 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 (4 credits)
- A Language Arts 10, 11 and a required 12 (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)

In addition, students will have completed Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment and Literacy Assessment, Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment

The School Calendar

WVSS has adopted a linear timetable for 2023-2024, with students studying 8 courses for the entire school year.

Semester 1: September 5 – November 28

Semester 2: November 29 - March 8

Semester 3: March 9 - June 27

There are three official reporting periods and grades are reported at the end of each term. Classes meet five days a week for approximately 14 weeks each term and are 80 minutes in length. There is a flexible learning block during school hours twice a week.

Where Our Students Go

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
Zeugnisankennungsstelle 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
(ETH Zürich)
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