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Rockridge Secondary School Academic Profile 2023/2024

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Our School

Rockridge Secondary School is a co-ed grade 8-12 public high 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 to give students a head start on their post-secondary studies. The total enrollment this year is 829 students. Our students travel daily from islands, coastal inlets, the sea to-sky corridor, North Vancouver and West Vancouver. The current graduating class of 175 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 9% of our total student population. Our enrollment is down this year due to reduced numbers of international students and changing demographics of the school catchment. As a result, students have had fewer course choices because of timetable conflicts.

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

In 2020/21, we moved from a linear school timetable to a quarterly system to provide more flexibility during the pandemic. In 2021/22 we changed the timetable to a semester system where students typically took four courses per semester with some of our career and fine arts courses being offered over the entire year. In 2022/23 we continued on a semester based timetable. In 2023/24 we then returned to a linear timetable where students are now taking all courses, typically 8, over the entire school

year. In this linear model there are three terms over a 36-week school year. Marks will be provided as follows:

- Term 1:** Sep. 05 - Nov. 24 (marks published on Dec. 1)
- Term 2:** Nov. 27 - Mar. 1 (marks published on Mar. 8)
- Term 3:** Mar. 04 - Jun. 25 (marks published on June 27)

Classes meet five times in a two-week cycle for 175 class days per year. Classes are between 60 to 80 minutes long. Students also have the opportunity during Flexible Instructional Time to work independently or collaboratively with the support of their teachers on Monday and Thursday mornings for 50 minutes.

Graduation Requirements

To complete the BC Certificate of Graduation, or Dogwood Diploma, students must complete at least 80 credits; including English Language Arts 10, 11 and 12 (total of 12 credits), Math 10 and 11 or 12 (8 credits total), Science 10 and 11 or 12 (8 credits total), Social Studies 10 and 12 (8 credits total), PE 10 (4 credits), one Fine Arts or Applied Skills 10-12 (4 credits), Careers 10 and 12 (8 credits total), and 30 hours of experiential learning. In addition, students must also complete three formal provincial graduation assessments including grade 10 numeracy and grade 10 and 12 literacy. At least 16 credits must be at the grade 12 level, including the required Language Arts 12 course and the Career-Life Connections Course.

Marking System

Rockridge uses an unweighted 100-point system. Students are graded on proficiency-based rubrics which are then converted to a percentage grade. 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
IE	Insufficient Evidence (Further information is required before students can be evaluated)		
TS	Transfer Standing (Credit granted as student completed course at another institution)		
SG	Standard Granted (In cases of severe illness, late entry or early leaving, where a sufficient level of performance has been attained)		

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 courses taken in their final year. No "F" or "IE" standings are allowed; only courses with letter grades assigned are eligible to be included. 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 Courses

Rockridge offered fewer enriched programs over the last two years due to Covid-19, changes in the timetable as well as a decrease in school enrollment. Several AP courses overlap so students need to pick and choose which AP courses they will take. Because of this reduced AP offering, grade 12 students are prioritized. AP Courses are unweighted.

Rockridge currently offers the following courses and exams:

- AP 2-D Design Portfolio 12
- AP 3-D Design Portfolio 12
- AP Biology 12
- AP Calculus AB 12
- AP Calculus BC 12
- AP Biology 12
- AP Computer Science Principles 12
- AP English Literature & Composition 12
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 2
- AP Psychology 12
- AP Research 12
- AP Seminar 11
- AP Studio Art (Drawing) 12
- Pre-AP Biology 11
- Enriched English 10
- IB Middle Years Certificate



The Pursuit Programme

Rockridge is a member of the BC Pursuit Programme, which is open to students by application. It is meant for those who are seriously committed to high-caliber performing arts or athletics and who wish to perform or compete at the regional or provincial level.

Premier Academies & Specialized Programs

This year programs include: Badminton Baseball, Basketball, Carpentry, Engineering, Fashion Industry, Fencing, Field Hockey, First Aid Swim Training, Honour Choir, Outdoor Recreation, Robotics, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, 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 country	snowboard
volleyball	soccer	golf	swimming
rugby	volleyball	mountain	tennis
ice hockey		biking	ultimate

Clubs and Activities

During the pandemic there were limited opportunities for our students to volunteer and engage in community activities. Students have resumed all 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 approximately 85% (within one year of graduation), compared to a provincial rate of 48.7%. Approximately 45 % of Rockridge graduates attend university outside of BC. 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
University of British Columbia
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

AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

Arizona State University
Barnard College
Bard College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Carnegie Mellon
Duke University
Emory University
Grand Valley State University
Harvard University
Kent State 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
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

Bocconi University
Durham University
City University London
Glasgow School of Art & Design
Imperial College (London)
King's College London
London School of Economics
Maastricht University
Nottingham University
Oxford University
Palimoda
RCSI in Dublin
Sciences Po
St. Georges (London)
Swiss School of Hotel Management
UAL
UCL
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Edinburgh
University of Glasgow
University of Manchester
University of Southampton
University of St. Andrews
Warwick University
York University

Asian Universities

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

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