



**WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY**  
**Highlander Pride**



**West Vancouver Secondary School**  
**Academic Profile 2024/2025**

**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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# WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY SCHOOL



## OUR SCHOOL

West Vancouver Secondary School was founded in 1927. WVSS is a two-campus school, housed on 17 acres of property and serving students in grades 8-12. It is a dual track school offering the BC Dogwood Diploma and the IB Diploma Programme (authorized in 1988). WVSS has the reputation of being a strong academic school with extensive elective offerings. It is a modern facility including an on-site Robotics Academy with the latest equipment. The school also houses a wood shop, auto shop, art and graphic design classrooms, a dance studio, and two state-of-the-art theatres. We also have a greenhouse and garden. WVSS is on the linear system with a flexible learning block twice a week. We are a bring-your-device school with Wi-Fi access for all students.

West Vancouver Secondary School students achieve strong academic results and have a high acceptance rate at universities. Ninety percent of our graduates proceed directly to university or college. Every year, graduates from West Vancouver Secondary School win university entrance scholarships, regional scholarships and national scholarships.

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

WVSS enrollment (grades 8-12): **1382**      Number of students, Class of 2025: **320**

Number of IB Diploma students, Class of 2025: **48**

Number of students taking at least one IB exam, Class of 2025: **82**

Premier Academies:

**ROBOTICS  
BASKETBALL**

Number of International Students, Class of 2025: **31**



Number of teaching faculty: **87**

WVSS students going on to university: **90%**



## 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 7,200 students is drawn from a combined population of approximately 45,000 residents, plus students coming from the rest of Metro Vancouver. The District is comprised of 14 elementary and 3 secondary schools.

## CURRICULUM

- **BC Dogwood Diploma**
- **IB Diploma Programme**
- **Premier Academies** - Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Robotics Mechatronics, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, and Volleyball.
- **Specialized programs** YELL Entrepreneurship Program, Cybersecurity & AI

## 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
Golf	Track and Field
Gymnastics	Ultimate Frisbee
Hockey	Volleyball
	Wrestling

## TESTING (SAT, ACT, etc.)

We do not assist students with test preparation. There is a shortage of testing sites in our area, which makes it very difficult for students to access testing opportunities.

## 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
2024	31	78	387	275	36
2023	31	78	300	272	35
2022	31	71	339	331	35
2021	29	73	388	386	34
2020	28	70	324	248	33

## Excellent IB Exam Results

- Diploma graduation class of 36 students in 2024
- 78 students in Diploma and Certificate IB programs
- In May 2024, 78 WVSS students completed a total of 317 IB courses
- The average score in 2024 was 5.19 and the Diploma score average was 33
- Last five years' average score is 5.47 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 and 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

At the time of application, WVSS will submit the student's WVSS transcript from Grades 9-11, along with current IBDP predicted grades. In late-December, first term Grade 12 BC Diploma grades will also be submitted.

### 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 and Literacy Assessment  
Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment

## The School Calendar

WVSS has adopted a linear timetable for 2024-2025, with students studying 8 courses for the entire school year.

✿ **T1: Sept. 3–Nov. 29**    ✿ **T2: Nov. 30– Mar. 7**    ✿ **T3: Mar. 8–June 25**

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  
Zeugnis- und Anerkennungsstelle Hessen / Staatliches Schulamt 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 Gijyuku 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