

# WELCOME TO CANADA



SMG Canada is a truly unique program that offers students an incredible opportunity to experience Canadian Culture while enjoying an exchange program tailored to their interests. Students are able to choose a specific school district, a specific high school, and even the type of host family they would like to live with.

Schools in the program offer a wide variety of course options. Students have the opportunity to enroll in ESL courses, Advanced Placement courses, Honors Programs, IB programs, and many other unique electives.



#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Accepts students from age 11 to 19
- All levels of English accepted
- Students are able to select the city and school they wish to attend
- **ESL** courses available in all districts
- Personalized homestay selection
- Graduation opportunities available

# LEARN TO EXPLORE



# **PROGRAM OPTIONS**

#### Academic Year Program

- Students stay for a total of 10 months
- Program begins in early September and ends in June

#### Academic Semester Program

- Students stay for a total of 5 months
- Program begins in either September or January

#### Short Term Program

- Short term programs are available at select districts
- Short term programs are customizable

#### Summer Program

ESL based program in the months of July and August



The City of Burnaby is located in Greater Vancouver, which is only a 30-minute Skytrain ride from downtown Vancouver. The immediate surrounding area is comprised of sparkling lakes, beautiful parks and local mountains. Burnaby is also known to be a very safe, family-friendly city.

#### **LOCATION FACTS:**

**Location:** Burnaby, British Columbia

Population: 223,000

**Temperature Range**: 2°C to 22°C





The Burnaby School District is known for its strong academic program, including the largest Advanced Placement (AP) program in Canada. Burnaby offers students a wide selection of courses which allows students to pursue personal interests. The district also offers an excursion program that takes students to popular tourist destinations in British Columbia throughout the year.

- French Immersion
- Advanced Placement Courses
- **#** ESL
- Athletic Academies
- **\*** Extracurricular Activities





The Central Okanagan School District is ranked as the 5<sup>th</sup> largest district in British Columbia. The district works to educate and inspire its students to be successful in today's global society. The district also has partnerships with neighboring universities, providing several opportunities for international students looking to study further in Canada.



## **DISTRICT FACTS:**

- French Immersion
- Advanced Placement Courses
- **#** ESL
- Athletic Academies
- Extracurricular Activities

# ABOUT THE LOCATION

The Okanagan Valley is known as a popular tourist destination. The area is famous for skiing and snowboarding, as well as the picturesque Okanagan Lake. The region is considered to be one of the best places to live in Canada as the climate is relatively temperate.

## **LOCATION FACTS:**

**Location:** Kelowna, British Columbia

**Population:** 106,000

**Temperature Range:** -6°C to 28°C



Cowichan Valley is home to incredible scenery. The area is highlighted by ocean views, sparkling lakes, and amazing landscapes. Cowichan consists of small, safe communities, where international students always feel welcome. Cowichan also offers countless outdoor recreational opportunities.

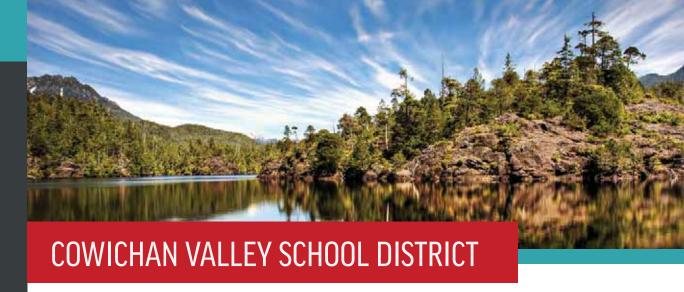
#### **LOCATION FACTS:**

**Location:** Vancouver Island, British Columbia

**Population: 79,000** 

Temperature Range: -3°C to 23°C





Cowichan Valley School District offers students the opportunity to participate in a strong academic program. Cowichan Valley works hard to ensure international students immerse themselves in Canadian culture. Students also have the opportunity to improve their English skills and make many new friends during the program. The district offers a vigorous ESL program with highly qualified staff.

- French Immersion
- Advanced Placement Courses
- **#** ESL
- Athletic Academies
- Extracurricular Activities





## MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District has been accepting international students since 1993. The district offers comprehensive academic options at each of its schools, providing opportunities for every type of student. The Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District also maintains partnerships with local colleges and universities, offering students options for continuing education.



## **DISTRICT FACTS:**

- French Immersion
- Advanced Placement Courses
- **#** ESL
- Athletic Academies
- International Baccalaureate Program

# **ABOUT THE LOCATION**

The towns of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows are safe, family-oriented communities located just 45 minutes east of Vancouver. Residents enjoy art galleries, local festivals, and many other cultural events. The area consists of beautiful mountains and lakes, providing recreational opportunities.

#### **LOCATION FACTS:**

Location: Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows, British Columbia

**Population:** 95,000

**Temperature Range:** 3°C to 25°C



The Rocky Mountain School District consists of four small communities: Kimberley, Invermere, Golden, and Revelstoke. Each community is full of beautiful scenery and amazing skiing opportunities. In the warmer months, residents enjoy mountain biking, hiking, and golfing.

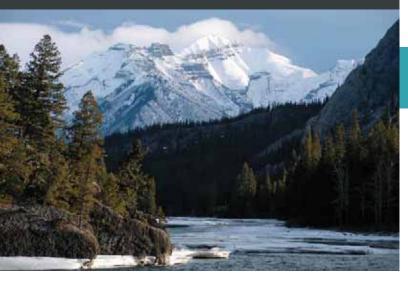
#### **LOCATION FACTS:**

**Location**: Kimberley/Invermere/Golden/Revelstoke,

**British Columbia** 

**Population:** 5,000 (Average per community)

**Temperature Range**: -10°C to 22°C





The Rocky Mountain School District has been hosting international students since 1987. The district offers a balanced education with equal focus on academic excellence, cultural enrichment, and English language development. Rocky Mountain also offers a weekend activity program where students participate in river rafting, skiing, snowboarding, and many more exciting activities.

- French Immersion
- Advanced Placement Courses
- **#** ESL
- Athletic Academies
- Extracurricular Activities





The Sea to Sky School District promotes cultural awareness and international understanding through purposeful integration of international students with Canadian students. The district offers small class sizes, allowing students to receive a personalized education. Sea to Sky also offers students the opportunity to participate in a number of special activities and excursions.



## **DISTRICT FACTS:**

- French Immersion
- 🌞 Culinary Arts Program
- 🜞 ESI
- Athletic Academies
- Extracurricular Activities

## **ABOUT THE LOCATION**

The Sea to Sky Region is located 45 minutes north of Vancouver. The area is known for its amazing landscapes and skiing opportunities, as it is home to the world famous Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains. The Sea to Sky community is also known to be amongst the safest in Canada.

#### **LOCATION FACTS:**

**Location:** Sea to Sky Region, British Columbia

**Population: 35,000** 

**Temperature Range**: -2°C to 23°C



West Vancouver is known to be one of the most desirable places to live in Canada. The area provides amazing scenery and is just a short trip from downtown Vancouver. Hiking and biking are popular during the summer while skiing and snowboarding are popular in the winter months.

#### **LOCATION FACTS:**

**Location:** West Vancouver, British Columbia

**Population:** 44,000

Temperature Range: 3°C to 17°C





The West Vancouver School District provides students with some of the best high school opportunities in Canada. Students in the district consistently achieve top results in academics, sports, and the arts. West Vancouver Schools also encourage students to expand their cultural and creative boundaries, while developing the leadership skills and critical thinking skills needed to reach their full potential.

- French Immersion
- Advanced Placement Courses
- **#** ESL
- Athletic Academies
- International Baccalaureate Program





The Edmonton Public School District provides students with a challenging academic program. The overall goal of the district is to prepare students for continuing post-secondary studies at the university level. The staff at the Edmonton Public School District is committed to excellence and dedicated to providing each student with a high quality education.



## **DISTRICT FACTS:**

- \* French Immersion
- Advanced Placement Courses
- 🌞 ESL
- Athletic Academies
- International Baccalaureate Program

# **ABOUT THE LOCATION**

Edmonton, the capital of Alberta, is home to North America's largest shopping and entertainment complex. The West Edmonton Mall has an ice skating rink, water park, amusement park, and much more. Residents also get to enjoy sports and outdoor recreation all year long.

#### **LOCATION FACTS:**

**Location:** Edmonton, Alberta

**Population:** 812,000

**Temperature Range:** -15°C to 23°C



Winnipeg, the capital of Manitoba, is a vibrant and multicultural city. The city has grown to be a major destination with many restaurants, shops, and attractions throughout the area. Despite being a large city, Winnipeg is widely known to be very welcoming and friendly.

#### **LOCATION FACTS:**

**Location:** Winnipeg, Manitoba

**Population:** 663,000

**Temperature Range**: -12°C to 26°C

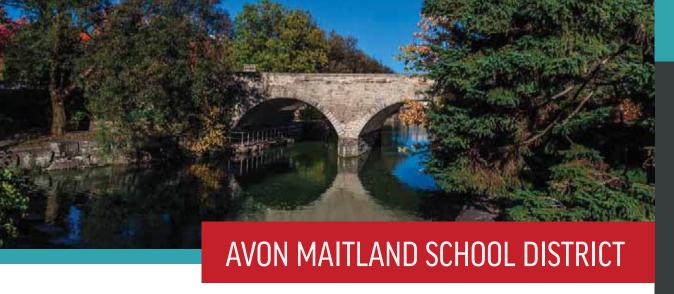




The River East Transcona School District offers students an innovative and challenging academic program. Many schools in the district have received national and international recognition for their strong curriculum. River East also has a purposeful low international student enrollment rate, ensuring students will be integrated into classes and activities with fellow Canadian students.

- French Immersion
- Advanced Placement Courses
- 🌞 ESL
- Specialized Courses
- International Baccalaureate Program





The Avon Maitland School District is home to an inclusive and diverse student community. The district offers a high level academic program along with specialty programs for students who would like to pursue personal interests in subjects such as the arts, information technology, and much more. Avon Maitland is also known to be a leader in motivating and engaging its students.



## **DISTRICT FACTS:**

- \* French Immersion
- Advanced Placement Courses
- **#** ESI
- Athletic Academies
- International Baccalaureate Program

# **ABOUT THE LOCATION**

Huron County is full of charming towns rich with cultural, historical, and recreational opportunities. Residents of the area often enjoy hiking, fishing, snowmobiling, and much more. Perth County is considered an international arts hub that is highlighted by the Stratford Shakespeare Festival.

#### **LOCATION FACTS:**

**Location:** Huron and Perth Counties, Ontario

**Population:** 100,000

**Temperature Range**: -9°C to 26°C



Halton is known for providing its residents with endless opportunities for entertainment, recreation, and excitement. Nearby Lake Ontario offers waterfront views, many hiking trails, and public parks. Halton is also located less than an hour away from both Toronto and Niagara Falls.

## **LOCATION FACTS:**

**Location:** Halton, Ontario

**Population:** 501,000

**Temperature Range**: -10°C to 27°C

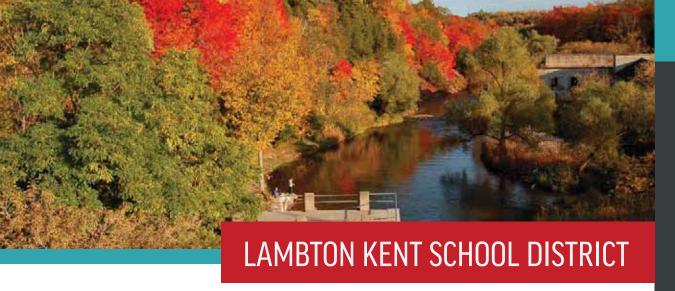




The Halton School District works hard to ensure that every student achieves his or her academic potential. The district's curriculum places an emphasis on promoting innovation and initiative. Halton is also comprised of state-of-the-art educational facilities, providing an incredible learning environment for its students. This district ensures students are able to enjoy a variety of educational opportunities.

- \* French Immersion
- Advanced Placement Courses
- **#** ESL
- Athletic Academies
- International Baccalaureate Program





The Lambton Kent School District is committed to providing a strong learning environment to its 23,000 students. The staff is highly regarded for its enthusiasm, caring nature, and use of the latest educational technology. International students attending this district are encouraged to not only get academically involved, but to participate in extracurricular activities and clubs as well.



## **DISTRICT FACTS:**

- \* French Immersion
- Advanced Placement Courses
- 🌞 ESL
- **\*** Extracurricular Activities
- Athletic Academies

## **ABOUT THE LOCATION**

The Chatham-Kent area is best known for its cultural attractions. These attractions include art galleries, theaters, and more. The area also consists of many small towns that provide access to a variety of beaches and parks. Chatham-Kent's location offers easy access to Toronto.

## **LOCATION FACTS:**

**Location:** Chatham-Kent, Ontario

**Population:** 108,000

Temperature Range: -4°C to 27°C



Toronto is the largest city in Canada and the fourth largest city in North America. It is known to be very beautiful, clean, and safe. Toronto is home to museums, professional sports, and many more exciting opportunities. Toronto is also regarded for being welcoming to the international community.

#### **LOCATION FACTS:**

**Location:** Toronto, Ontario **Population:** 2.6 million

**Temperature Range:** -7°C to 27°C





The Toronto School District is proud to be one of the most diverse and multicultural districts in the world. The district is made up of a talented group of educators who are dedicated to helping students reach their full potential. Students are pushed to reach high levels of academic achievement and develop the skills necessary to be successful in their future endeavors.

- French Immersion
- Advanced Placement Courses
- **#** ESL
- Athletic Academies
- International Baccalaureate Program





The Central Québec School District provides students the opportunity to study in a district with high academic standards and a tradition of academic excellence. The district provides a safe and supportive learning environment, which allows students to focus on developing the skills they need for the future. Students have the opportunity to pursue the district's curriculum in both English and French.



## **DISTRICT FACTS:**

- French Immersion
- Advanced Placement Courses
- 🌞 ESL
- 🌞 50/50 English and French Program
- 🌞 International Baccalaureate Program

## **ABOUT THE LOCATION**

Québec City is known for having a European feel with its cobblestone streets and amazing river views. In Old Québec, the streets are filled with horse-drawn carriages, street entertainers, and other lively displays. The city is also home to many historic sights, including the Place Royale.

#### **LOCATION FACTS:**

Location: Québec City, Québec

**Population:** 516,000

**Temperature Range:** -15°C to 25°C



Nova Scotia is known to be one on the friendliest places in the world. The province is rich in history and culture, and is home to people from all around the world. Being almost entirely surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, residents of Nova Scotia enjoy opportunities for sailing, surfing, and swimming.

#### **LOCATION FACTS:**

**Location:** Nova Scotia **Population:** 940,000

**Temperature Range:** -9°C to 23°C





Nova Scotia Public Schools consist of a collection of schools with friendly and inviting atmospheres. Each school is committed to providing excellent educational opportunities. Students have the chance to choose from a variety of academic subjects, as well as the opportunity to participate in an assortment of extracurricular clubs and sports.

- French Immersion
- Advanced Placement Courses
- **#** ESL
- Athletic Academies
- International Baccalaureate Program





## **NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR SCHOOLS**

Newfoundland & Labrador Schools provide students the opportunity to immerse themselves in Canadian culture. Students will study alongside English-speaking students during their academic program. The program also offers students a proven online learning tool to help accelerate English development. The warm and friendly environment in the district provides great opportunities for students to succeed.



## **DISTRICT FACTS:**

- **\*** French Immersion
- Advanced Placement Courses
- 🌞 ESL
- Athletic Academies
- International Baccalaureate Program

## **ABOUT THE LOCATION**

St. John's is a city rich in culture and tradition. Its vibrant downtown is home to great restaurants, unique architecture, and musical performances. St. John's is also located along the coast, allowing residents to enjoy whale watching, boating, and many more activities on the bay.

#### **LOCATION FACTS:**

**Location:** St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

**Population: 214,000** 

**Temperature Range:** -8°C to 21°C







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