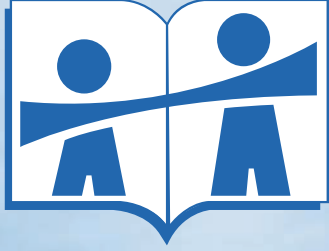


Together We Learn



Central Okanagan Public Schools

International Education



**KELOWNA - WEST KELOWNA - LAKE COUNTRY - PEACHLAND
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

FOUR COMMUNITIES IN ONE

The Central Okanagan school district includes Kelowna, West Kelowna, Lake Country, and Peachland and is one of fastest growing communities in Canada with a population of over 250,000.

Together, our four communities offer those who visit and live here:

- The best of city life with shopping, dining, arts, and entertainment as well as diverse recreation opportunities in a beautiful natural setting.
- Mild winters and long, sunny summers, making us one of the most popular year-round vacation destinations for Canada and the world.
- Easy access to the Central Okanagan via the Kelowna International Airport (YLW).
- Opportunity for post-secondary education at Okanagan College and the University of British Columbia - Okanagan.



COME EXPERIENCE THE CENTRAL OKANAGAN



CENTRAL OKANAGAN RECREATION

The Central Okanagan offers four seasons of fun with picturesque scenery, rich history, and vibrant arts and culture. Enjoy hot summers, mild winters, and beautiful fall and spring weather.

Spring and Summer

- A hiking, cycling, and camping paradise with over 40 unique parks to explore.
- Over 110km long, Okanagan Lake offers endless beaches and watersport opportunities.
- Festivals, outdoor markets, and community events allow for a variety of experiences.

Fall and Winter

- Big White Ski Resort, featuring “champagne powder” snow, is known as one of the best ski resorts in the world, with 118 runs and an average annual snowfall of over 7m to enjoy.
- Snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and indoor and outdoor skating, are offered in many locations throughout the Okanagan valley.
- State-of-the-art indoor recreation facilities provide year-round access to many activities including swimming, tennis, soccer, skating, and rock-climbing.



See why the world plays here.

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

As one of the best education systems in the world, Central Okanagan Public Schools lets students experience innovative learning opportunities while pursuing academic excellence.

International students who study with us benefit from the opportunity for English immersion at school, in homestay, and in the community.

Come study with us and experience everything the Central Okanagan has to offer, while making memories that will last a lifetime.

A photograph of students in a classroom or activity room. In the foreground, a yellow bucket holds several small Canadian flags on sticks. A student in a brown t-shirt is leaning over a table, looking at a document. Other students are visible in the background, some looking at a large white sheet of paper on the table. The room has large windows and a high ceiling with exposed beams.

Immerse yourself in English.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Fifth-largest school district in British Columbia, with over 25,000 students
- Student achievement and graduation rates exceed provincial and national averages
- Schools and homestays work closely together to provide support for international students
- Trained staff available in schools to provide instruction for all English levels



HIGH SCHOOLS

George Elliot Secondary
Grades 9-12, Lake Country
ges.sd23.bc.ca

Kelowna Secondary
Grades 10-12, Kelowna
kss.sd23.bc.ca

Rutland Secondary
Grades 9-12, Kelowna
rss.sd23.bc.ca

Mount Boucherie Secondary
Grades 9-12, West Kelowna
mbs.sd23.bc.ca

Okanagan Mission Secondary
Grades 9-12, Kelowna
okm.sd23.bc.ca

Opening September 2027:
George Pringle Secondary
West Kelowna



FRIENDS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Students from over 30 different countries participate in our program every year. Through school and community activities you will meet new people and make friends from Canada and around the world.

Participation in school athletics, clubs, and student leadership organized events will allow you to pursue your passions, connect with peers, and make the most of your study abroad experience.



Each school has a unique culture.

GET INVOLVED

Whether you love to compete on the field, on the court, on the ice, or in the water, our school district has a longstanding history of athletic success. Our schools, as well as various community organizations, offer opportunities for involvement in sport year-round.

BC School Sports regulations allow international students who are here studying for five months or longer to tryout and play on school sport teams.



Be part of the school spirit.

LEARN AND GROW WITH US

Whatever your educational journey looks like, we can help you meet your goals.

Study a variety of subjects in all major academic areas including humanities, languages, mathematics, and sciences. Build technical skills and pursue your interests in specialized courses such as carpentry, computer animation, computer programming, drama, dance, entrepreneurship, fashion design, martial arts, metal work, photography, outdoor education, visual arts, and more.



Explore your options.

JOIN OUR GRADUATES

Secondary school guidance counsellors will help you plan and select the courses required for graduation so you can follow the post-secondary pathway you choose. To graduate in British Columbia, it usually takes 2+ years to meet the requirements.

No matter what your post-secondary plans are, our schools offer course options that will prepare you to enter top universities, colleges, and apprenticeships after graduation.



Follow your dreams.

SUPPORTS IN CANADA

In the Central Okanagan students have a circle of support that includes:

- Classroom teachers, guidance counsellors, and school administrators.
- An International Teacher at your school, as well as English Language Teachers.
- A dedicated Program Manager whose priority is your safety, well-being, and success at school.
- The District Principal, who is also your custodian if you are in our homestay program.



You have support here.

HOMESTAY

We have our own district homestay program. Receive the care and support of a family selected and matched to suit you. Homestay fees include meals and a private room where you can study and relax.

You will also have the support of a program manager and dedicated program staff whose priority is your safety, well-being, and success at school. You can also call our program number 24/7 and a program staff member will be able to help you.



You have family here.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Experience all the Central Okanagan has to offer with monthly activities designed specifically for international students.

From the lake to the mountains, learn more about the history, culture, traditions, holidays, and geography of our local community while enjoying activities and adventures with friends from around the world.



Enjoy the Central Okanagan.

OPTIONAL SIGHTSEEING TRIPS

Our location in British Columbia allows you to enjoy optional sight-seeing trips to destinations including the:

- Urban vibrance of world-famous Vancouver, British Columbia
- Breathtaking gardens and harbour of Victoria, British Columbia
- Natural wonder of the Rocky Mountains and Banff, Alberta
- Western heritage of the interior desert of British Columbia
- Coastal splendour of camping in Tofino, British Columbia



See the best of Western Canada.

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