

VICTORIA



MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM



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WELCOME TO VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA

BC's capital city and home to Victoria International Education is one of the most desirable places to live and study in Canada.



Known as **Canada's Pacific Jewel**, Victoria is located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island and is a short ferry ride from Seattle and Vancouver. It has been ranked as one of the top 10 most beautiful cities in the world.

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LARGEST
METROPOLITAN
AREA IN BC



THE MILDEST
CLIMATE IN
CANADA



A VIBRANT
ARTS AND CULTURE
SCENE



A SAFE AND
WELCOMING
COMMUNITY



MAGNIFICENT
NATURAL BEAUTY
WORLD-CLASS, YEAR-ROUND
OUTDOOR RECREATION



A HIGH
QUALITY OF LIFE
RANKING



EXCEPTIONAL
POST SECONDARY
EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITIES

RICH WITH CULTURE, HISTORY AND ACTIVE LIVING — YEAR-ROUND

Victoria is clean, safe and friendly – the perfect place to study and experience Canadian culture. Our city is home to some of the finest scenery and recreational activities anywhere in the world.

Victoria is easily accessed by direct flight into its international airport or by a short ferry ride from Vancouver, British Columbia or Seattle, Washington.

Victoria boasts as the mildest climate in Canada. The city's mild winters allow residents to pursue a variety of outdoor activities throughout the year, such as golf, rowing, hiking, sailing and cycling.

Victoria has semi-professional soccer, hockey, baseball and lacrosse teams and is also home to world-class Olympic athletes in rowing, rugby, field hockey, diving, cycling and triathlons. With its modern 7,000 seat sports and entertainment venue, Victoria attracts major concerts and other sports entertainment events.

Victoria is a tranquil city where government services, the arts and advanced education learning are significant amenities. The city has two renowned universities and a college, a world-class museum, IMAX theatre, a symphony, professional theatre companies, and a major regional art gallery.

25+

SPORTS PROGRAMS

12

REC-CENTRES



10+

MUSEUMS



200+

RESTAURANTS



Victoria International Education is part of the Greater Victoria School District and has been providing quality international education experiences since 1992.

UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

AGES

11-13

GRADES

6-8

450

AVG. STUDENTS
PER SCHOOL

10

MIDDLE SCHOOLS





KEY PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS:



**FOSTERS MEANINGFUL
INTERPERSONAL CONNECTIONS**



**INTERDISCIPLINARY
TEAM TEACHING AND
LEARNING APPROACHES**



**FEATURES
EXPLORATORY
COURSES**



**PEER GROUP AND
TEACHER ADVISORY SESSIONS**



**FACILITATES
A SMOOTHER
TRANSITION
TO HIGH SCHOOL**

VICTORIA'S MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Greater Victoria School District offers a unique Middle School Program for students 11 to 13 years of age. All 10 middle schools in our district welcome international students and are committed to student success within a responsive and safe learning environment.

Early adolescent students experience a period of significant brain development that benefits from a socially supportive environment within which individualized learning can occur.

Considering these unique needs, middle schools offer a blend of academic and exploratory courses. These are designed to provide students with opportunities to explore areas of personal interests and achievement.

The Middle School Program allows students to build confidence as learners which leads to a successful transition to the High School Program.



BENEFITS OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

ADVISORY BLOCKS

Scheduled advisory time allows students to form a sense-of-belonging as well as close support, guidance, and connection.



AREAS OF EXPLORATION

Personal interests can be developed through a mix of academic and exploratory courses.



PERSONAL GROWTH

Athletics programs, extracurricular clubs, school events, and student leadership opportunities allow for personal growth and maturity.



INTERDISCIPLINARY TEACHING & LEARNING

Students have the opportunity to delve deeper into a particular topic or integrate multiple subjects within an overarching cross-curricular project.



EXPLORATORY COURSES

Exploratory courses offer students enhanced educational opportunities to explore personal interest within a supportive learning environment. Exploratory courses include:



FINE ARTS

drawing, painting, sculpting



PERFORMING ARTS

music, drama, dance, band



APPLIED SKILLS

wood work, home economics



INFO-TECH

computer skills, data management

SPORTS, MUSIC & CLUBS

Middle schools also offer great athletic, music and clubs programming*. A student's participation will enrich the middle school experience and further their interests and talents.

MUSIC:

Band, Strings, Jazz Band and Choir

CLUBS:

Art, Dance, Literature, Math, Leadership, and Lego robotics

ATHLETICS:

Ultimate Frisbee, Rugby, Cross Country, Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Soccer, Swimming, Field Hockey, and Track & Field

* Some programs may vary between schools.

GENERAL MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday, 8:40 am
– 2:30 pm (individual school
times may vary slightly).

RECESS AND LUNCH

One 15 minute recess and
one 45 minute break.

MEALS

Students are expected to
bring their own snacks and
lunch to school.

EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS AND CLUBS:

Offered over the lunch break
or after school.

HOMEWORK

40 – 70 minutes of daily
homework depending on
grade level

UNIFORMS

No uniform requirements.



HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Two weeks in late December/
early January. Two-week
Spring holiday in March. Two-
month Summer Break from
early July to early September.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Students can live with
their natural parents while
studying in Greater Victoria
or homestay options may
be available upon request.



WHAT INTERNATIONAL PARENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT VIE

Why did you choose Victoria?

“Victoria is a nice place to raise a family and it also has a well-organized education system.”

Why would you recommend Victoria to other families?

“Wonderful and clean city, great nature, friendly citizens and higher quality of life. I love it!”

STUDENT & PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Uplands Campus is home to Victoria International Education (VIE) administrative offices. The campus is open year-round to offer comprehensive support to international students and parents, including:

- Orientation for new parents and students
- Complimentary English Language Classes for Parents
- Medical Insurance
- Student Support Program
- 24-hour Emergency Assistance





COLQUITZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

505 Dumeresq St. Victoria BC, V8Z 1X3



GLANFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

4140 Glanford Ave. Victoria BC, V8Z 4A8



SHORELINE MIDDLE SCHOOL

2750 Shoreline Dr. Victoria BC, V9B 1M6



ROCKHEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

1250 Highrock Ave. Victoria BC, V9A 4V7



CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

1280 Fort St. Victoria BC, V8V 3L2

GREATER VICTORIA MIDDLE SCHOOLS





**GORDON HEAD
MIDDLE SCHOOL**
1671 Kenmore Rd. Victoria BC, V8N 4M8



**ARBUTUS GLOBAL
MIDDLE SCHOOL**
2306 Edgelow St. Victoria BC, V8N 1R5



**VICTORIA
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION**
**UPLANDS CAMPUS
OFFICES + ED. CENTRE**
3461 Henderson Rd. Victoria, BC, V8P 5A8



**CEDAR HILL
MIDDLE SCHOOL**
3910 Cedar Hill Rd. Victoria BC, V8P 3Z9



**LANDSDOWNE
MIDDLE SCHOOL**
1765 Lansdowne Rd. Victoria BC, V8P 1A7



**MONTEREY
MIDDLE SCHOOL**
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