



North Vancouver
School District
the natural place to learn®

The background consists of several overlapping, semi-transparent geometric shapes in shades of green, blue, yellow, and orange, creating a layered, landscape-like effect.

Welcome!



We provide world-class instruction
and a rich diversity of engaging
programs to inspire success for every
student and bring communities
together to learn, share and grow.

North Vancouver School District

vision

NVSD Context and Demographics



- Approx. 15,700 students K - 12
- Geographical area over 172 km²
- **5 Families of Schools**
- 25 elementary schools
- 7 secondary schools
- Encompasses traditional territories of the Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations

ELL Context and Demographics



- 5-6% English Language Learners
- 660 International Students
- Top languages spoken at home:
 - English
 - Farsi
 - Korean
 - Tagalog
 - Mandarin
 - Spanish
 - Japanese
 - Chinese



Welcoming Children to our Community



Each child is unique...

- Development of the whole child
- Children learn in different ways and at different rates
- Learning is both an individual and a group process
- Learning requires the active participation of the student



Focus on the development of...

Essential Learning:

- Literacy
- Math
- **Core Competencies**
 1. Communication
 2. Thinking
 3. Personal and Social Competency



<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum-info>

Learning Through Play and Interaction with Others



Children learn through active engagement and **play**

Learning is both an **individual** and a **group** process

Oral language plays a very important role in thinking, communicating and learning

Kindergarten-Grade 12 Courses



- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Physical and Health Education
- Arts Education
- Career Education
- Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies
- French (Grades 5-7)



School Code of Conduct



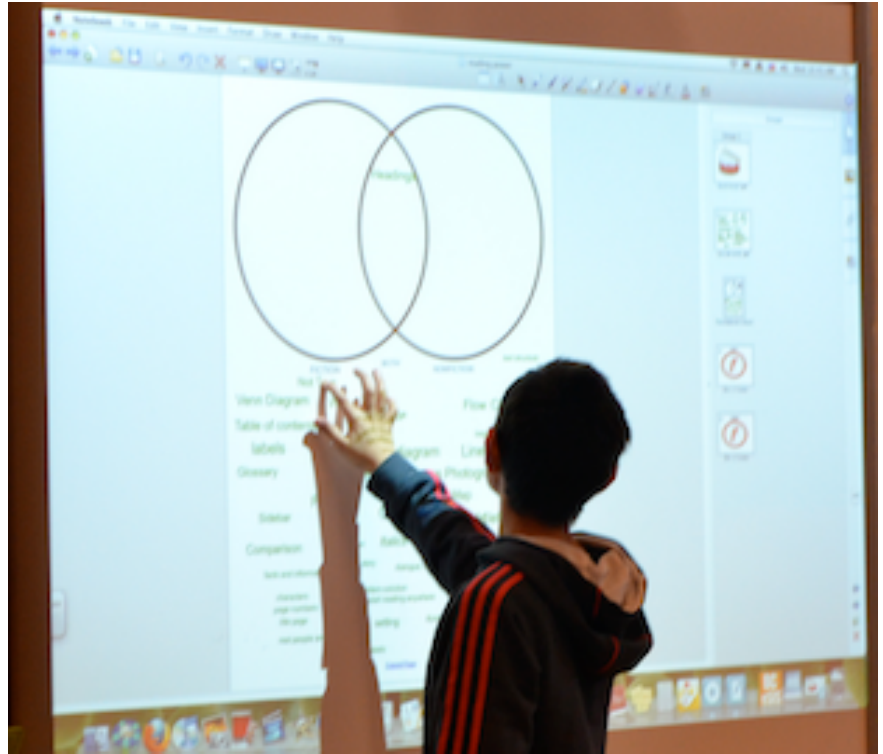
Students have a responsibility as a member of the school community to contribute and act in a way that ensures a safe, caring and positive environment for all learners



Cooperative Learning Opportunities



Integrated Technology



Supports for Learning



- Library
- Technology
- English Language Learning
- Learning Assistance
- School Counsellor
- Speech and Language

Environmental Education



Cheakamus Centre and Outdoor School



World Class Fine Arts Programs



Band (Grades 5-7)

Strings (Grades 4-7)

Artists for Kids – Grade 5

- After school Programs
- Summer Camps



Extracurricular Activities



- Sports Teams
- Choirs
- Clubs



English Language Learning



- Becoming proficient in English takes time!
- Students learn English better when there is a meaning and purpose for communication
- Input (listening/reading) develop before Output (speaking/writing)



ELL Proficiency Levels



1. Emerging (Beginner)
2. Developing (Intermediate)
3. Expanding (Intermediate)
4. Consolidating (Advanced)

ELL Services in Elementary Schools



- ELL staff in all schools
- Scheduled ELL classes for Levels 1 to 3
- Kindergarten students supported in the classroom
- Level 1s & some level 2s may receive direct service (at least once/week)
- Level 3s may receive indirect support (every 2-3 weeks on a regular basis)

Secondary ELL Courses



COURSE	Recommended ELL LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
<i>English as a Second Language 8-12 (ELL Beginner or Intermediate)</i>	Level 1 or 2	Non credit (elective) course for students who need small class support. Designed to support skills required for Language Strategies or regular English courses
<i>Language Strategies 8-12</i>	Minimum level 2 or 3	Credit course designed to facilitate the transition of students to English 10 by extending language strategies and skills
<i>Studies in British Columbia Culture 10</i>	Minimum level 3	Full credit course that introduces ELL students to the culture of modern day BC and Canada; continued focus on improving language skills
<i>ELL Seminar 8-12</i>	Level 3 or 4	Non credit course designed to enable <i>Indirect</i> ELL students to extend and advance their language skills

Multicultural Initiatives



- School/Community events – multicultural evenings, pot-luck dinners, cultural/arts celebrations
- School clubs and student initiatives
- North Shore Multicultural Society – preschools; after school programs for middle years and secondary students
- Settlement Workers in Schools – North Shore Multicultural Society

Parents as Educational Partners



- Strong home school partnerships and communication help children be and feel successful in school
- Provide your child with opportunities to develop their language skills within meaningful contexts (play, learning a new skill, friendships)
- Ask questions
- Read with your child at home
 - First language/Dual language texts



**Look for opportunities in the community for
your child to learn English!**

Ecology Centre Lynn Valley



Lynn Canyon Suspension Bridge



Grouse Mountain



Capilano Suspension Bridge & Salmon Hatchery



Kayaking in Deep Cove



Back to School...



- Central Registration letters confirming your child's school placement
- School offices open August 28, 2017
- Secondary – confirm courses with school counsellor
- First day of school September 5, 2017 (partial day)
- New students usually meet in gym or library
- September 6, 2017 – full day of instruction for all students
- School supply lists at Staples

Thank You!

