

Specialty Academies

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Specialty Academy



...“specialty academy” means an educational program that emphasizes a particular sport, activity or subject area and meets the prescribed criteria set out in the regulations.

School Act 82.1 (1)

Specialty Academy



A Board may offer a specialty academy if

- a) The board has consulted with the parents' advisory council for the school where the board proposes to offer the specialty academy, and
- b) The board is of the opinion that there is sufficient demand for the specialty academy.

School Act 82.1 (2)

Specialty Academy



A Board that offers a specialty academy must

- a) Make available sufficient instruction for students enrolled in the specialty academy to meet the general requirements for graduation, and
- b) Continue to offer a standard educational program in the school district.

School Act 82.1 (3)

... a board may charge a student enrolled in a specialty academy fees relating to the direct costs incurred by the board in providing the specialty academy that are in addition to the costs of providing a standard educational program.

School Act 82.1 (4)

Additional Learning Outcomes

The specialty academy must meet learning outcomes that

- a) Are in addition to the learning outcomes that a standard educational program must meet, and
- b) Reflect an emphasis on a particular sport, activity or subject area

Specialty Academy Criteria Regulation

Authority: School Act, section 82.1 and 175(2)(s)
B.C. Reg. 219/08 – Effective July 1, 2009

Specialty Academy



Emphasis on particular subject area

If the specialty academy emphasizes a particular subject area, the subject area must be

- 1) Applied Skills,
- 2) Fine Arts,
- 3) Language Arts,
- 4) Mathematics
- 5) Physical Education
- 6) Science, or
- 7) Social Studies.

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2011-2021 Strategic Plan



Encourage the growth of collaborative, adaptive and personalized learning environments

- Strengthen engagement and connection for all learners
- Provide increased and unique opportunities for personalized learning

2011-2021 Strategic Plan



Develop and promote innovative and sustainable programs

- Increase access to existing and future specialty programs
- Promote greater awareness of the specialty program opportunities and quality of instruction available to students

NVSD Specialty Academies



11 Academies

- 21 classes/streams

First Year Academies

- DMA Lite Academy
- Lacrosse Academy
- Outdoor Education Academy

NVSD Specialty Academies

NVSD	Service Provider / Affiliation	Classes / Streams	2018/19 Enrollment
AFK	AFK/NVSD	1	23
Basketball	Vern Porter / Basketball BC	4	106
Dance	Seymour Dance	2	42
DMA	NVSD	2 (x3 blocks)	41
DMA Lite	NVSD	2	59
Field Hockey	Field Hockey BC	1	57
Hockey Skills	Cam Kerr / Hockey Canada	2	56
Lacrosse	Tewanee Group	1	26
Outdoor Education	Outward Bound	1	20
Soccer	North Shore Girls Soccer	2	79
Volleyball	Volleyball Canada	3	72
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NVSD Specialty Academies

581 students enrolled

- 5 - students from West Vancouver School District
 - DMA - 1
 - Hockey Skills – 2
 - Volleyball – 1
 - Lacrosse - 1
- 8 - students from other school district's (including independent schools)
- 33 - International students
 - Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball

NVSD Specialty Academies

Academy	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Total	498	471	531	591

NVSD Specialty Academies

Expressions of Interest

- Rowing
- Ski Racing
- Rugby

Enhanced Programs Night

Sutherland Secondary

January 23, 2019 – 7:00-8:30 p.m.