

2011/2012 GUIDE TO SCHOOLS

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Mission Statement

Through quality teaching and learning, we commit to engaging our students in their growth as individuals and in their development of the knowledge, skills and attributes necessary to contribute to a healthy, democratic and diverse society.

Our Vision:

The Schools Our Children Deserve

After comprehensive consultations with the parents, students, professional staff and our community partners, Surrey Schools recast its vision for its schools and for learning and for the seven programs and services that the district provides.

- Providing quality education
- Developing socially responsible citizens
- Supporting our Aboriginal learners
- Preparing our graduates for the future
- Helping parents support their child's learning
- Promoting broader community involvement
- Supporting professional learning

District

The Surrey school district was formed in 1906. It has the largest student enrolment in British Columbia and is one of the few growing districts in the province. It is governed by a publicly elected board of seven trustees representing the cities of Surrey and White Rock.

Students

- The percentage of students graduating within six years of entering Grade 8 in 20010/2011 was 82%; three per cent higher than the provincial rate. This has been relatively consistent for the past six years, but is a significant improvement since 2001/02 when it was 77%. Typically more than 93% of the students who are eligible to graduate at the beginning of Grade 12, did so in June.
- The proportion of Surrey students who make an immediate transition to post-secondary increased from 51% in 2005/06 to 58% in 2009/10.
- In 20010/11, Surrey district students competing in skills competitions for trades and technology won 29 regional medals, 17 provincial medals and four medals at the national competition.
- Surrey students consistently achieve high results, comparing well with the province in the five key courses requiring a provincial examination. (English 10, Science 10, Mathematics 10, Social Studies 11 or equivalent and English 12 or Communications 12).

Schools

Surrey Schools has 100 elementary schools, 19 secondary schools, five student learning centres, four adult education centres, a distributed (online) learning program and a variety of satellite and inter-agency programs serving a wide range of particular student needs.

School populations range from:

- elementary: 54 - 800 students
- secondary: 1,226 - 1,904 students
- All Surrey secondary schools are relatively new; of 19 secondary schools in the district, 13 were built and the remaining schools substantially renovated in the last 20 years.
- There have been 21 new elementary schools built in the Surrey school district over the last 15 years. In addition, 53 elementary schools had new additions constructed, as well as a further six additions to accommodate full-day kindergarten implementation.

Parents

Parent involvement is welcomed at the school level. The Parent Advisory Councils (PACs):

- are valued as active partners in education,
- are active at both the elementary and secondary levels,
- have representation on District Parent Advisory Council (a district-wide parent council) and/or district committees, and
- have parents represented on each School Planning Council (SPC).

Programs

Surrey Schools offer a variety of programs that provide unique settings for students, as well as programs for children with special needs (all options are compatible with the BC Curriculum and lead towards Grade 12 graduation). Details of these programs are available on the district website:

- Learner Support Teams, Gifted Education and English as a Second Language programs for children with special needs;
- Community-Schools Partnership programs to support vulnerable learners, before and after school;
- Core French, French as a Second Language, French Immersion and Intensive French programs;
- Punjabi Language Program;
- Fine Arts and Athletics opportunities;
- Advanced Placement courses and International Baccalaureate programs for academically talented secondary students;
- Discovery, Heritage School, Montessori, Traditional and Intensive Fine Arts alternative elementary school programs;
- Learning Centres, Growing Together, Inter-A, Career Programs, Integrated Studies and Secondary School Apprenticeship alternative secondary programs;
- Settlement and Multicultural supports through the Surrey School District Welcome Centre;
- Co-op Education and career-oriented programs;
- Adult and Continuing Education opportunities;
- International Education short and long-term programs; and
- Surrey Connect: A Distributed Learning School.



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Location

Surrey is one of the largest cities in Canada in geographical area and is located in the southwestern corner of British Columbia, approximately 40 minutes from the City of Vancouver, bordering northwestern Washington, USA.

Size

The school district serves the City of Surrey, the City of White Rock and the rural area of Barnston Island with a total area of approximately 328 square kilometres. The area population estimated by BC Stats for July 2011 was 491,001.

Enrolment

Surrey Schools has the highest student enrolment in B.C. As of September 30, 2011 the district has 70,018 students in K-12 plus more than 4,200 students in adult education high school completion programs. Total K-12 enrolment in 119 schools has increased by 1.09 per cent, or 712 students since September 2010. District enrolment includes:

- 38,599 grades K-7 students in 100 elementary schools,
- 63 grades K-7 online learners (Surrey Connect),
- 27,734 grades 8-12 students in 19 secondary schools,
- 1,046 grades 8-12 students in five learning centres,
- 2,418 grades 8-12 online learners (Surrey Connect),
- 158 students in other educational programs and services.

Growth

In the past 10 years, the district's total enrolment in Surrey and White Rock has grown by 8,881 students. Although the City of Surrey projects a higher number of residential units in the next ten years over the previous ten year period, a greater proportion of the future residential development is projected to be higher density apartment development. Enrolment is expected to continue to grow at a moderate rate and will be impacted by the changing availability and affordability of family-oriented housing and demographic trends in the school district and the province.

Employees

Surrey school district is Surrey's largest employer with about 9,300 employees including approximately 5,300 teachers.

Student population

A rich mosaic of cultures is represented within the student population. Approximately 45% of students attending school in the district are from a household in which a language other than English is spoken. Of the more than 120 languages other than English represented in Surrey schools, the highest percentages are Punjabi, Hindi, Korean, Tagalog (Philippino), Vietnamese and Mandarin.

Budget

Budget Per Student: \$8,197.66

2011/2012 Budget (preliminary):

- **Operating Budget: \$576,787,215**
- **Capital Budget: \$ 26,700,000**

Breakdown:

<i>Instruction</i>	\$497,580,137
<i>District Administration</i>	\$11,905,872
<i>Operations & Maintenance</i>	\$60,007,240
<i>Transportation</i>	\$4,587,486

Surrey Schools devotes more of its 2011/2012 operating budget to instruction and less on district administration than the provincial average. ***In fact, Surrey Schools spend the least proportion of its budget on district administration than any other district in the province.***

	<i>British Columbia</i>	<i>Surrey</i>
<i>Instruction</i>	83.5%	86.7%
<i>District Administration</i>	3.2%	2.1%

Surrey Schools spend proportionately more than the provincial average on teachers in the classroom.

	<i>British Columbia</i>	<i>Surrey</i>
<i>Teachers</i>	45.5%	49.4%

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<i>Administration Offices</i>	604-596-7733
<i>Aboriginal Education</i>	604-595-6100
<i>Adult Education/Summer School</i>	604-595-6077
<i>Bell Performing Arts Centre</i>	604-507-6355
<i>Business Development</i>	604-595-6066
<i>Business Management Services</i>	604-595-5190
<i>Career Education</i>	604-595-6175
<i>Communication Services</i>	604-595-6188
<i>Community-Schools Partnership</i>	604-595-6311
<i>Corporate Services</i>	604-595-5176
<i>Daycare/Preschool</i>	604-572-8032
<i>District Facilities Centre</i>	604-572-0500
<i>English Language Learner Welcome Centre</i>	604-543-3060
<i>Education Services</i>	604-595-5325
<i>Food & Nutrition Services</i>	604-595-5300
<i>Facilities Rentals</i>	604-595-6084
<i>Human Resources</i>	604-595-6150
<i>International Education</i>	604-595-6168
<i>Learning Resources Services</i>	604-594-8922
<i>Records Management</i>	604-595-5314
<i>Safe Schools</i>	604-595-6195
<i>School Boundary/Catchment Information</i>	604-595-5195