



2009/2010 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 the Surrey School District 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. There are about 67,300 students in K-12 and over 4,000 students are expected to enrol in adult education high school completion programs during 2009/10.

Students

- ◆ The percentage of students graduating within six years of entering Grade 8 in 2008/09 was 83%. This has been relatively consistent for the past six years. It was 77% in 2001/02. Typically more than 90% of the students who are eligible to graduate at the beginning of Grade 12, did so in June.
- ◆ Student interest in continuing with post-secondary education was 69% (2008 survey) which is 11% higher than 2005.
- ◆ Interest in the trades continues to grow and our programs are well-subscribed. The district had 369 students enrolled in apprenticeship programs in 2008/09.
- ◆ The 2008/2009 provincial examination results were very favourable. Students in Surrey were at, or above the provincial pass rate (+/- 1%) in the five key courses requiring provincial examinations. The proportion of students with a C+ or better was also at or above the provincial rate in four of the five required courses.

Schools

- ◆ 99 elementary schools, 19 secondary schools, five student learning centres, four adult education centres, a distributed learning program and a variety of satellite and inter-agency programs serving a wide range of particular student needs.
- ◆ School populations range from:
elementary: 55 - 701 students
secondary: 1,077 - 1,828 students
- ◆ All Surrey School District secondary schools are relatively new; of 19 secondary schools in the district, 13 were built and the remaining schools substantially renovated in the last 18 years.
- ◆ There have been 20 brand new elementary schools built in the Surrey School District over the last 14 years. In addition, 53 elementary schools had new additions constructed.

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
- ◆ have three parents represented on each School Planning Council (SPC)

Programs

The Surrey School District offers 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):

- ◆ programs for children with special needs, e.g. Learner Support Teams, Gifted Education, and English as a Second Language
- ◆ full day ESL and Aboriginal Kindergarten in designated schools
- ◆ Core French, French as a Second Language, French Immersion and Intensive French programs
- ◆ Punjabi Language Program
- ◆ opportunities in Fine Arts and Athletics
- ◆ courses for academically talented secondary students, such as the Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs
- ◆ alternative elementary school programs including Discovery, Heritage School, Montessori, Traditional and Intensive Fine Arts
- ◆ alternative secondary programs including Learning Centres, Growing Together, Inter-A, Career Programs, Integrated Studies and Secondary School Apprenticeship programs
- ◆ career oriented and Co-op Education programs
- ◆ Adult and Continuing Education opportunities
- ◆ short and long term International Education programs
- ◆ 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.

According to Stats Canada Census 2006 the total area served is approximately 328 square kilometres with a total area population of 413,886.

Enrolment

September 30, 2009 - 67,293 students in K-12

June 30, 2009 - about 4,100 students in adult education high school completion programs.

- ◆ The Surrey School District has the highest enrolment in British Columbia.
- ◆ elementary - 38,136 in 99 schools and Surrey Connect.
- ◆ secondary - 28,481 in 19 secondary schools, five student learning centres and Surrey Connect.
- ◆ other - 159 students in a variety of other district programs and services.
- ◆ K-12 enrolment increased by 1,101 since September 2008.

Growth

In the past 10 years, school district enrolment in Surrey and White Rock has grown by 8,578 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

The Surrey School District is Surrey's largest employer with about 8,700 employees including approximately 5,000 teachers.

Student Population

A rich mosaic of cultures is represented within the student population. Approximately 44% of students attending school in the district are from a household in which a language other than English is spoken. Of the many languages other than English represented in Surrey schools, the highest percentages are Punjabi, Chinese, Korean, Hindi, Vietnamese and Filipino.

Budget

Budget Per Student: \$ 8,361.03

2009/2010 Budget (preliminary):

- ◆ **Operating Budget: \$ 545,500,201**
- ◆ **Capital Budget: \$ 43,500,000**

Breakdown:

Instruction	\$ 468,368,139
District-based Administration	\$ 11,605,934
Operating & Maintenance	\$ 59,485,242
Transportation & Housing	\$ 3,815,957

The Surrey School District devotes more of its 2009/2010 operating budget to instruction and less on district administration than the provincial average.

	<u>British Columbia</u>	<u>Surrey</u>
Instruction	83.1%	85.9%
District Administration	3.3%	2.1%

The Surrey School District also spends proportionately more than the provincial average on teachers in the classroom.

	<u>British Columbia</u>	<u>Surrey</u>
Teachers	44.9%	48.9%

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Business Development	604-501-8555
Business Management Services	604-595-8530
Communication Services	604-599-7458
Corporate Services	604-501-8562
Curriculum & Instructional Services	604-590-2255
District Facilities Centre	604-572-0500
Human Resources	604-599-7400
International Education	604-501-6840
Learning Resources Services	604-594-8922
Research & Evaluation	604-599-7467
Safe Schools	604-599-7461
School Boundary/Catchment Information	604-592-4272
Student Support Services	604-596-9325
Surrey College	604-583-4040
Surrey Connect: A Distributed Learning School	604-592-4263