

SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



Where is Delta?

- Delta is the most south-west community on the Canadian mainland
- Touches the USA border
- 20 minutes from the Vancouver Airport (YVR)
- 30 minutes from downtown Vancouver
- Easy access to other areas of Vancouver, North Shore Mountains, Whistler and Seattle
- Surrounded by the Fraser River and stunning beaches of the Pacific Ocean



The Community of Delta

Considered part of Greater Vancouver, Delta is known for its friendly, welcoming and inclusive atmosphere. With quiet and safe streets, access to the Fraser River and the Pacific Ocean, open spaces, farmland, beaches, and parks, Delta is unique in the Vancouver area. Delta is a well-established community with residents that are very global-minded, have a high level of education and a high standard of living.

Delta enjoys a mild climate with temperatures rarely falling below O degrees Celsius in the winter and reaching the mid-2Os in the summer months. Delta boasts the most hours of sunshine in the Vancouver area!

Read more about what our community has to offer!

godelta.ca/about-delta/our-community



CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA Vancouver

DELTA

Welcome to Delta!

We are proud to offer a wide variety of academic programs including Traditional Schools, Film Academies, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs, and French Immersion. We are pleased to offer a variety of extra-curricular, sports, leadership and volunteer opportunities for students. Delta's quality schools offer many unique opportunities for students.

Our global-minded community is ready to welcome you. Our homestay families are looking forward to meeting you and sharing their homes and lives. Our staff are eager to help you take on this exciting new challenge!

Join us and see why Delta is truly **so much more**...

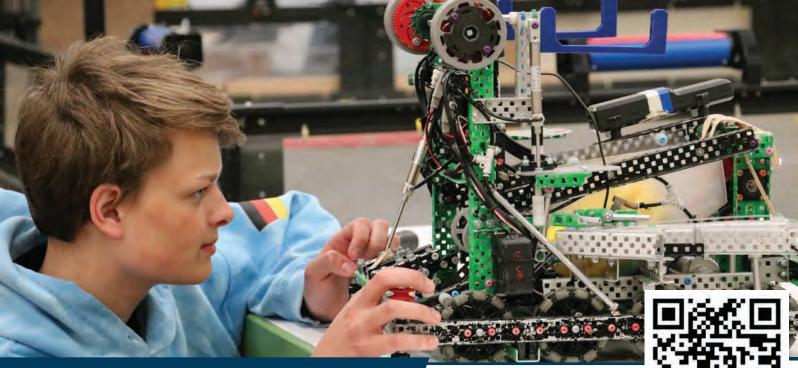


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Delta boasts the most sunshine of any Vancouver community. It has warm, sunny summers and mild winters.



PROGRAM OPTIONS

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We offer programs tailored for children between the ages of 5 and 17, including Short Term, Full Year, Graduation, and Summer options.

Your Choice!

- Elementary and secondary schools
- Choose your school
 - Smaller or larger secondary schools (800 - 1500 students)
 - Smaller or larger elementary schools (175 550 students)
 - Tsawwassen, Ladner or North Delta communities
 - Semestered or linear school systems
- Select your courses
- Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, French Immersion, Academy Programs, Traditional Schools

... so many options!



All secondary schools have the following:

- A wide range of courses, sports and clubs to choose from
- ESL instruction (included in tuition)
- An International Coordinator who looks after the specific needs of international students
- British Columbia certified teachers teaching the British Columbia curriculum
- Trained counsellors
- Career and university advisors
- Specialized and up-to-date indoor and outdoor facilities

Delta Academies

godelta.ca/programs/academies

- 2 classes during the school day, every second day
- Students receive report card marks and credits
- Taught by passionate and specialized teachers and professional coaches
- Please check the website for current academy offerings



DID YOU KNOW?

Students can choose from over 150 courses at any of our secondary schools.





DID YOU KNOW?

Some of Delta's secondary schools operate on the semester system. This means students take four courses from September to the end of January and four different courses from February to the end of June. Some of our schools are linear, which means students can take 8 courses for the entire year. Short and long term students can choose either semester or linear options.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Our seven secondary schools offer unique and intensive programs and a wide variety of courses for students in grades 8 to 12. Additionally, there is an array of sports, clubs, leadership and volunteer activities available. For more specific information on each school please go to

godelta.ca/our-schools/secondary



Please go to the profile of each individual school on the website to see the current schedule for each school.



BURNSVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Location: North Delta
- School Population: 800
- International Student Population: 80
- French Immersion options

godelta.ca/about-delta/schools/burnsview-secondary

"I really enjoy the educational system at Burnsview, as well as the people, my teachers, my classes and all of the different course choices I can make here". - GIACOMO (SPAIN) GRADE 12



DELTA SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Location: Ladner
- School Population: 1400
- International Student Population: 140
- Advanced Placement (AP) options

godelta.ca/about-delta/schools/delta-secondary-school

"Delta Secondary offers lots of interesting subjects beyond just the main courses. I took cooking, sewing and dancing which all taught me so much and gave me memories for a whole lifetime. I love the community here; everyone is nice and welcoming. I would gladly come again!" - CHIARA-MARIE (GERMANY) GRADE 12

SECONDARY SCHOOLS



DELVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Location: North Delta
- School Population: 800
- International Student Population: 50

godelta.ca/about-delta/schools/delview-secondary-school

"Since the beginning of my exchange program, I always felt very comfortable being at Delview. I met a lot of new friends from all over the world and also from here, Canada. I would recommend Delview for other International Students without any doubts, the school is welcoming, fun and inclusive". - PEDRO (BRAZIL), GRADE 11



NORTH DELTA SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Location: North Delta
- School Population: 1200
- International Student Population: 50

godelta.ca/about-delta/schools/north-delta-secondary-school

"In my time at North Delta Secondary, I met some of the warmest, kindest and most accommodating teachers and administrators. I also met some of the best people who I became friends with and that helped me be comfortable and feel at home here. I happily consider all these people my new family." - LAWRENCE (PHILIPPINES), GRADE 12

SANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Location: North Delta
- School Population: 800
- International Student Population: 80
- · Advanced Placement (AP) options

godelta.ca/about-delta/schools/sands-secondary-school

"This was the best year of my life. When I look back, I enjoyed every single part of it, especially all of the people at Sands that are so nice and welcoming. The variety of courses I could select from the school was great and really eye-opening." - JAN (SLOVAK REPUBLIC) GRADE 11





DID YOU KNOW?

Delta consistently has one of the highest graduation rates in the Vancouver area and the province. Our students regularly qualify for entrance into top ranked universities around the world and gain scholarships for their academic successes, leadership abilities and contributions to the school and global community.



SEAQUAM SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Location: North Delta (Sunshine Hills)
- School Population: 1400
- International Student Population: 75
- International Baccalaureate (IB) option

godelta.ca/about-delta/schools/seaquam-secondary-school

"In my 2 years studying at Seaquam i created some of the best memories of my life. I enjoyed meeting new people and adapting to a different culture. I developed my English vocabulary and fluency, as well as improved my social skills and teamwork abilities. Getting to live with a hostfamily made it easier for me to adapt and fit in. I am thankful I got to experience this and for the incredible staff from the International Program that helped me whenever I needed it". - DAVID (MEXICO), GRADE 12

SOUTH DELTA SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Location: Tsawwassen
- School Population: 1400
- International Student Population: 130
- Advanced Placement (AP) and French Immersion options

godelta.ca/about-delta/schools/south-delta-secondary-school

"South Delta Secondary School has a warm and welcoming environment. The teachers are very supportive and understanding, helping me adjust to a new education system and culture". - PHYO (MYANMAR) GRADE 12





Students as young as 10 can be part of our Homestay Program. Alternatively, parents can live with their children in our community.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Delta has 24 elementary schools ready to welcome students between the ages of 5 and 12 in Kindergarten through Grade 7. With limited numbers of international students in elementary school, students have access to small ESL classes with personalized teacher attention and support. Students are fully immersed in an English-speaking environment and can learn English quickly.

godelta.ca/our-schools/elementary-programs

Special Opportunities

Our elementary programs offer excellent school and extracurricular opportunities where students aged 5 to 12 can join with Canadian students, make friends and have new experiences. These include:

- Sports such as basketball, volleyball and track & field
- Opportunities in the Fine Arts
- Service clubs
- Outdoor education opportunities for Grade 6 and 7 students such as camp and ski programs
- Special community, school and cultural events, such as Spring Carnivals, Science Fairs and Math Celebrations
- Enrichment programs in areas of Art, Writing, Math and STEM

NORTH DELTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Unique Elementary Programs

International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program -Offered at English Bluff, this program focuses on challenging, interdisciplinary tasks as well as a global perspective on learning.

Traditional Schools - Offered at Pebble Hill, Jarvis and Heath, these schools offer a more formal and structured learning environment for students, while still focusing on creating a warm and nurturing atmosphere for young children. Students wear uniforms at these schools and practice formal etiquette.



School Population: 280



BROOKE ELEMENTARY School Population: 300



CHALMERS ELEMENTARY School Population: 475



COUGAR CANYON ELEMENTARY School Population: 500



DEVON GARDENS ELEMENTARY School Population: 350



GIBSON ELEMENTARY School Population: 400



GRAY ELEMENTARY School Population: 500



McCLOSKEY ELEMENTARY School Population: 350



HEATH ELEMENTARY School Population: 225

PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY

School Population: 300



School Population: 300

School Population: 400



School Population: 450



SUNSHINE HILLS ELEMENTARY School Population: 500



RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY



Supporting Parents and Children

Students as young as 10 years old can live with one of our specially selected Homestay families that are chosen because of the attention and care they give to our younger students. These children may also be under the custodianship of the Director of International Programs.

Students under the age of 10, as well as older students, may study in Delta while living with their parents.

Aside from the teachers and other school staff who care for students, our entire staff is here to ensure children and their parents are feeling comfortable, safe and supported.

Our Elementary Support Team includes:

- An International Coordinator who assists students in their adjustment to life in Canadian school and helps support children behaviourally, emotionally and academically
- Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish and Vietnamese-speaking Cultural Support Workers
- Orientations for students and their parents



LADNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY School Population: 450



HOLLY ELEMENTARY School Population: 350



LADNER ELEMENTARY School Population: 450



NEILSON GROVE ELEMENTARY School Population: 175



PORT GUICHON ELEMENTARY School Population: 175

TSAWWASSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



BEACH GROVE ELEMENTAR School Population: 300



CLIFF DRIVE ELEMENTARY School Population: 300



ENGLISH BLUFF ELEMENTARY School Population: 200



PEBBLE HILL ELEMENTARY School Population: 250

SOUTH PARK ELEMENTARY School Population: 400





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...so much more!

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Orientations

Students will typically participate in a pre-departure orientation via Zoom a few weeks before departure.

Once arrived, students attend school-based orientations to:

- assess their English level
- confirm their school schedules and courses
- $\cdot \,$ learn about the structure and expectations of the school
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ learn about the clubs, sports and other opportunities at
- each school
- meet their International Coordinator and our staff
- learn their way around the school

In September, there is a sightseeing and activity trip for our high school students where new international students can meet and mingle with other new international students and start making friends!

Smaller orientations happen at the beginning of every month so that students start their Canadian school experience in appropriate classes and feeling comfortable in a Canadian school environment.

University Planning

For all of our students, secondary school is just a stop on their educational journey. Every November we host a 'University Fair' for our international students to meet representatives from some of the top universities and post-secondary institutions across the country. International Coordinators help students prepare their questions about prerequisites, programs, entrance requirements, scholarships and much more.

Career Advisors in each school and International Programs Staff provide free individual guidance and assistance to graduating students with their post-secondary applications.

Monthly Sightseeing Activities

Organized and supervised by our staff, Delta offers monthly activities for high school international students across the district. Some of these may include:

- · Canoeing, hiking, archery and other outdoor activities
- Ferry trip and day spent in Victoria, the capital city of British Columbia
- Skiing or snowboarding in Whistler
- Snowshoeing and tubing in the North Shore Mountains
- Outings to see local professional sporting events *...and so much more!*

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DID YOU KNOW?

Delta School District graduates have attended many prestigious universities all over the world including University of British Columbia, Queens University, McGill University, University of Waterloo, University of Toronto, Simon Fraser University, University of Victoria, Emily Carr University of Art & Design, Vancouver Film School, Kings College, Stanford University, Osaka University, Keio University, Meiji University, Western University, McMaster University, University of California (Berkley), York University, University of Melbourne and so many more! Our students receive over \$100,000 of scholarship offers every year.



HOMESTAY ... living with a Canadian family

Live in a Canadian Home

Our Homestay Program is run by the Delta School District, not by a private business. International Programs' staff are committed to providing a safe, quality homestay for each student.

To find out how host families are reviewed and selected go here: *godelta.ca/accommodation/become-a-host-family*

Meet Your Canadian Family

We have families with diverse backgrounds, interests, sizes and make-up. We will find students' their match! Find out more about how the process works by going here: *godelta.ca/accommodation/deltas-homestay-program*

What's Included

Students are provided with the following in an English-speaking home:

- · A private bedroom that includes a comfortable bed and place to study
- · Bathroom and laundry facilities
- Three full meals per day and snacks
- Assistance with transportation to and from school (if more than a 20 minute walk away)
- Free airport pick-up and drop-off
- Access to a homestay coordinator, this includes assistance changing homestays where necessary
- 24-hour emergency contact and care

For Parents Living in Delta

Some parents choose to live with their children in Delta. For these parents, we provide supports including:

- Access to cultural support staff
- Parent orientations so parents can understand the Canadian education system
- Social and networking opportunities for parents
- Access to ESL classes for adults
- Other services and support





Homestay Coordinators work closely with families, students and schoolbased International Coordinators to ensure that students receive consistent care and support through clear communication between all support providers.