



ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY
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Rockridge Secondary School **Academic Profile 2018/19**

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courses are of full-year duration. Classes meet five times in a two-week cycle and are of 79-minute duration, with a total of 175 class days per year.

Graduation Requirements

Credits for English 10–12, Math 10 and 11 or 12, Science 10 and 11 or 12, Social Studies 10 and 11, plus PE 10, Planning 10 and one Fine Arts or Applied Skills 10–12 are required for the BC Dogwood Diploma. Students must also take a minimum of three other Grade 12 academic courses in addition to English 12. English 12 requires students to write

a provincial exam, which contributes 40% to the final mark, with the remaining 60% from school-submitted marks.

The School

Rockridge Secondary School is a co-ed public school founded in 1996 in the municipality of West Vancouver. Rockridge has a total enrollment of approximately 965 students in Grades 8-12. The current graduating class numbers 190.

Rockridge 2018/19

Rockridge Secondary is authorized as an **IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) school**. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education. Students take formal school or provincial exams in English and Mathematics prior to graduation.

Mission Statement

Rockridge strives to inspire students to achieve their full potential by providing a supportive learning environment rich with opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to succeed. By demonstrating moral character through community service, by practicing athletic excellence, by involvement in superior artistic performance, and by actively engaging in critical thinking and creative writing, our students embody the school motto, *Esse Quam Videri*—To Be Rather Than To Seem.

The School Calendar

Three terms over a 36-week school year:
 Term 1: September–November
 Term 2: December–February
 Term 3: March–June

Students take formal school or provincial exams in June. There are three official reporting periods: mid-December, March and late June. Almost all

Marking System

Rockridge uses an unweighted 100-point system. The following is a list of British Columbia Ministry of Education authorized final letter grades for all courses listed on report cards and transcripts. The GPA equivalent, on a 4.0 scale, is listed for the purpose of US university information only:

A	(86-100%)	4.0	Excellent Achievement
B	(73-85%)	3.0	Very Good Achievement
C+	(67-72%)	2.5	Satisfactory Achievement
C	(60-66%)	2.0	Acceptable Achievement
C-	(50-59%)	1.0	Pass
F	(0-49%)	0.0	Fail
I	-	-	Incomplete

Honour Roll / Awards

Honour Roll is achieved with a GPA of 79.5 to 85.4. Honours with Distinction is achieved with a GPA of



85.5 to 100. Calculations are based on courses taken within the West Vancouver School District and on a student's best marks on 6 of 8 courses in Grades 11-12, and best 7 of 8 marks in Grades 8-10. No failing or incomplete marks are allowed; only courses with letter grades assigned are eligible to be included (see the Rockridge website for further details). The Prestige Award is given to one boy and one girl within the school who have shown outstanding excellence in academics, sports and leadership. The Principal's Award is given to one boy and one girl in each grade who have shown all round excellence, including exemplary service.

Enriched Programs 2018/19

(not weighted):

AP 2-D Design Portfolio 12
 AP 3-D Design Portfolio 12
 AP Calculus AB 12
 AP Calculus BC 12A
 AP Biology 12
 AP Chemistry 12
 AP Computer Science Principles 12
 AP English Language and Composition 12
 AP English Literature & Composition 12
 AP Environmental Science 12
 AP European History 12
 AP Physics 1
 AP Physics 2
 AP Psychology 12
 AP Statistics 12
 AP Studio Art (Drawing) 12
 Pre-AP Computer Science Programming 11
 Pre-AP English 11
 Pre-AP Biology 11
 Pre-AP Studio Art 11
 Enriched English 10
 IB Middle Years Program 10

The Pursuit Programme

Rockridge is a member of the BC Pursuit Programme, which is open to students by application. It is meant for those who are seriously committed to high-calibre performing arts or athletics and who wish to perform or compete at the regional or provincial level.

Premier Academies & Specialized Programs

Rockridge students can participate in district academy programs which include: Animation, Ballet, Baseball, Basketball, Dance, Engineering, Environmental Science, Fencing, Field Hockey, Rugby, Soccer, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Robotics, Young Entrepreneurship and Leadership and Volleyball.



Athletics

Rockridge Ravens participate in the following sports:

Boys teams

basketball
soccer
volleyball
rugby

Girls teams

basketball
field hockey
girls rugby
soccer
volleyball

Co-ed

badminton
cross country
golf
mountain biking
ski
snowboard
swimming
tennis
ultimate
wrestling



Clubs and Activities

Rockridge students are involved in over 20 student-run clubs and activities, with a strong emphasis on humanitarian organizations. Community service is encouraged through involvement with soup kitchens, volunteering in hospices, tutoring in local schools, and working with various community organizations.

University Placements

Rockridge graduates attend university and post-secondary programs at a rate of 94 per cent (within three years of graduation), compared to a provincial rate of 52 per cent. Approximately 50 per cent of Rockridge graduates attend university outside of their home province. Rockridge graduates are well represented at universities and colleges in North America and internationally:

CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES/COLLEGES

Acadia University
The Art Institute of Vancouver
Bishop's University
British Columbia Institute of Technology
Brock University
Capilano University
Carleton University
Concordia University
Dalhousie University
Emily Carr University
Huron University
Laurier University
King's University
McGill University
McMaster University
Mount Allison University
Mount Royal University
Queen's University
Ryerson University
St. Francis Xavier University (SFX)
St. Mary's University
Simon Fraser University
Thompson River University
Trent University
Trinity Western University

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University of Manitoba
University of New Brunswick
University of Ottawa
University of PEI
University of Saskatchewan
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
University of Windsor
Vancouver Island University
Western University
York University

AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

Arizona State University
Bard College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Carnegie Mellon
Duke University
Emory University
Grand Valley State University
Harvard University
Los Angeles Fashion Institute
Middlebury
Monterey College
New York University (NYU)
Northeastern University
Northwestern University (Chicago)
Northwestern University (Washington)
Notre Dame University
Occidental University
Pace University
Parsons
Princeton
Purchase College, SUNY SAIC
San Diego State University
Sarah Lawrence University
University of Arizona
University of California

(Berkeley, Irvine, UCLA, San Diego)
University of Chicago
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Minnesota
University of Montana
University of New Hampshire
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of San Diego
University of Southern California
University of Texas
Vassar College
Wellesley

INTERNATIONAL POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

Australian Universities

Bond University
University of Adelaide
University of Melbourne
University of Queensland
University of Sydney

European Universities

Glasgow School of Art & Design
Imperial College (London)
International Study Centre (Herstmonceux Castle, UK)
King's College London
London School of Economics
London University of the Arts
Maastricht University
Nottingham University
St. Andrews University (Scotland)
St. Georges (London)
Swiss School of Hotel Management
University College London
University of Edinburgh
University of Manchester
University of Southampton
Warwick University

Asian Universities

Chinese University of Hong Kong
University of Beijing
University of Hong Kong
University of Thailand

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