



## THE **BEST** OF BC'S CITY & NATURE

# Welcome to **SURREY & WHITE ROCK**

Located on Canada's spectacular west coast in the middle of Metropolitan Vancouver, Surrey offers over 200 parks and six distinct and diverse town centres. The city of White Rock is a beautiful ocean side community with miles of beaches, waterfront shops and top-rated restaurants.

Both communities offer a great range of artistic, cultural and athletic activities, from brand new world-class sports facilities to city festivals and top performance venues. With one of the largest shopping malls in the country, convenient transportation options and restaurants offering food from around the world, students and their families have everything they need to enjoy life in Canada.



**560,000**  
POPULATION



↓ **0** — ↑ **134m**  
ELEVATION

**328km<sup>2</sup>**  
AREA





## SURREY SCHOOLS

# THE LARGEST PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

in British Columbia

Founded in 1906, Surrey Schools is the fastest growing and most innovative school district in the province of British Columbia. The District consists of schools in two cities: Surrey and White Rock.

**75K** CURRENT STUDENTS **2%** INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

**104** ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: GRADES K–7 **21** SECONDARY SCHOOLS: GRADES 8–12



avg. daily high in °C  
**TEMPERATURE**



# THE BC SCHOOL SYSTEM

## EDUCATIONAL QUALITY

British Columbia's public K-12 education system is among the most respected in the world for its high standards, exceptional student achievement, and commitment to investing in quality education.

## TEACHERS

All public school teachers are trained professionals. Teachers must have both a bachelor's degree and a specialized teaching degree or diploma where they demonstrate through lesson planning and several practicums that they are a capable teacher.

## DIVERSITY

Public schools honour diversity, acknowledging and utilizing differences in a positive and beneficial way.

## CURRICULUM

All public and private schools teach the same curriculum developed by the Province of British Columbia and provide the same high-quality education for your child.

## FUNDING

Public schools in Canada are not free; they are funded by taxes, residency, and in some cases, immigration status. Eligibility is determined by the BC Ministry of Education. This is why most international students pay tuition fees to attend public school.

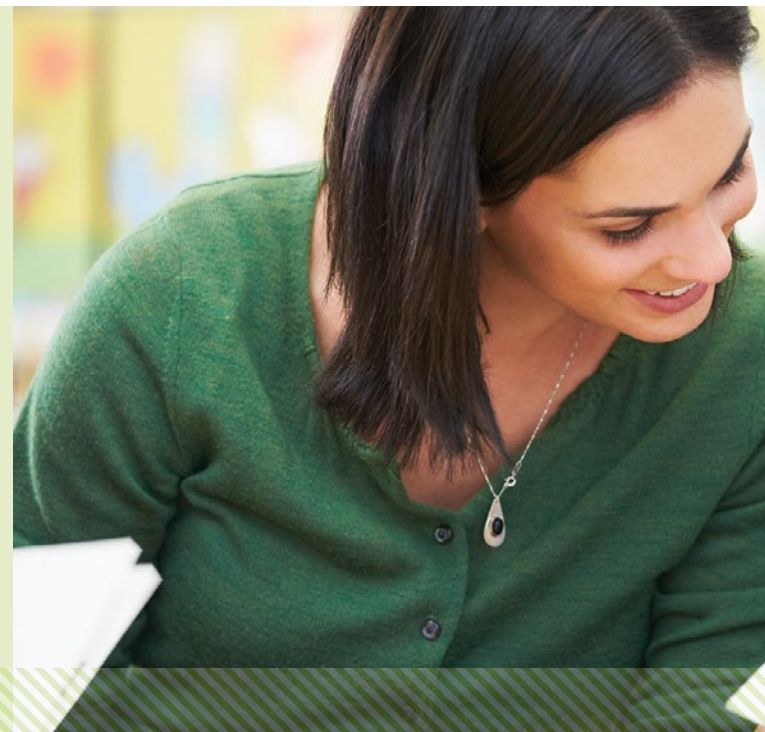
## ACADEMIC RANKING

Academic school ranking systems are *not* supported or funded by the public education system (government) or your school.

## CLASS SIZE LIMIT

**22** STUDENTS PER CLASS  
GRADES 1–3

**29** STUDENTS PER CLASS  
GRADES 4–7



# CURRICULUM IN BC

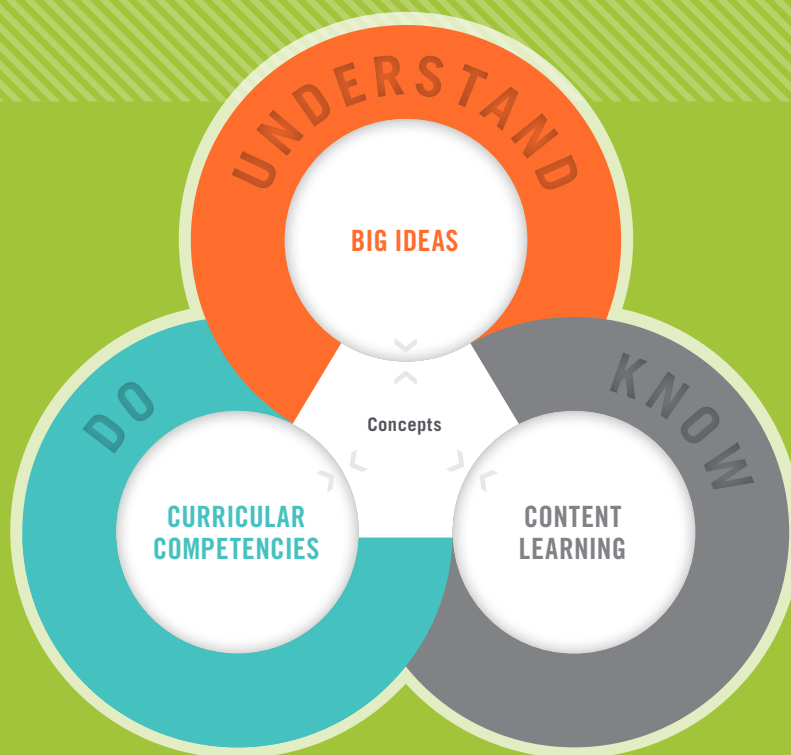
## THE 'KNOW-DO-UNDERSTAND' MODEL

Teachers in British Columbia are guided by the BC Curriculum, which is created by the BC Ministry of Education. The curriculum is multi-dimensional and organized into a 'Know-Do-Understand' model (right).

**Content Learning** is what students are expected to **KNOW**. This is divided into specific subject areas for each grade level.

**Curricular Competencies** are the skills, strategies and processes that students develop over time to demonstrate their learning and knowledge — like mental math strategies or other things that students **DO** to show their learning.

**Big Ideas** are the overall generalizations that students need to **UNDERSTAND** and which help focus a unit of study.



## THE CORE COMPETENCIES

As well, teachers focus on core competencies, which are at the heart of each lesson in your child's classroom. These are the social, cultural, creative and critical capabilities that your child needs to demonstrate as an active learner:

**Communication** — Students are expected to communicate in various ways beyond writing, including expressing oneself orally, presenting information and working with others effectively.

**Creative and Critical Thinking** — Students work to generate their own ideas, and problem solve through 'play', exploring, observing others, inquiry, conducting research and gathering information, then applying it to new situations.

**Personal and Social Identity and Responsibility** — Students should be able to express themselves and their ideas, and recognize and manage their emotions appropriately. Students should be able to make safe choices and show respect for others.





# STUDYING IN SURREY

**Learn from award-winning teachers in innovative programs**



## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

All students study:

- English literacy (reading, writing, spelling, speaking)
- Mathematics
- Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science, environment)
- Social Studies (History, Geography, cultures, social responsibility)
- Fine Arts (Art, Music, Dance)
- Physical Education (sports, movement, health)
- French (in grades 5–7)

Throughout these subjects, Surrey Schools teachers help students learn about caring for people and their communities, global citizenship and use of the most modern and innovative technologies available.



## INTERNATIONAL ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

### Enrolment

Students can enrol for either September or January.

### Application

No application fee and space permitting, you can choose your school.

### Grade placement

Grade placement is determined by a student's year of birth and the last grade completed.

### English language support

Students are given an assessment to determine the level of English language support needed.



### Uniforms

Students are not required to wear uniforms, though they are required to dress appropriately for school.

### Lunch

Students are expected to bring a snack and lunch from home. On certain days, hot lunches may be ordered in advance (for a fee).

### Homework

Students are expected to do approximately 30-40 minutes of homework and/or reading each day depending on their grade level.

## SCHOOL SCHEDULE

### Timetable

Hours of study are Monday to Friday  
8:30 am – 2:30 pm (approximately).

### Breaks

The school day has two breaks: 10:15 am for a 15 minute recess and 12:00 pm for a 45 minute lunch.

### Vacations

The school year offers two vacation breaks: two weeks in the winter (late December/early January) and two weeks at Spring Break (mid-late March).

### Holidays

There are no classes on statutory holidays (Easter, Thanksgiving, etc.) and on teachers' professional development days.





# SURREY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

### FRASER HEIGHTS

- 1 Bothwell
- 2 Dogwood
- 3 Erma Stephenson
- 4 Fraser Wood

### FLEETWOOD

- 5 Coast Meridian
- 6 Coyote Creek
- 7 Frost Road
- 8 Walnut Road
- 9 William Watson

### GUILDFORD

- 10 Berkshire Park
- 11 Bonaccord
- 12 Harold Bishop
- 13 Serpentine Heights
- 14 William F. Davidson
- 15 Woodland Park

### CLOVERDALE

















- 16 Adams Road
- 17 A.J. McLellan
- 18 Clayton
- 19 Don Christian
- 20 Hazelgrove

- 21 Hillcrest
- 22 Katzie
- 23 Latimer Road
- 24 Madaugh Road
- 25 Martha Currie
- 26 Sunrise Ridge

### WHITE ROCK/ SOUTH SURREY

- 27 Bayridge
- 28 Chantrell Creek
- 29 Crescent Park
- 30 Douglas
- 31 Edgewood
- 32 H.T. Thrift
- 33 Jessie Lee
- 34 Morgan
- 35 Ocean Cliff
- 36 Pacific Heights
- 37 Peace Arch
- 38 Ray Shepherd
- 39 Rosemary Heights
- 40 Semiahmoo Trail
- 41 South Meridian
- 42 Sunnyside
- 43 White Rock

## LANDMARKS

-  University
-  Shopping Centre
-  Hospital
-  SkyTrain
-  Bus Loop / Exchange
-  Bell Performing Arts Centre
-  Indoor Tennis Centre
-  Indoor Aquatic Centre
-  Movie Theatre
-  Beach / Watersports Area
-  Horseback Riding
-  Community Centre
-  Ice Rink
-  Museum
-  Rodeo & Fairgrounds
-  Nature Centre/Major Park

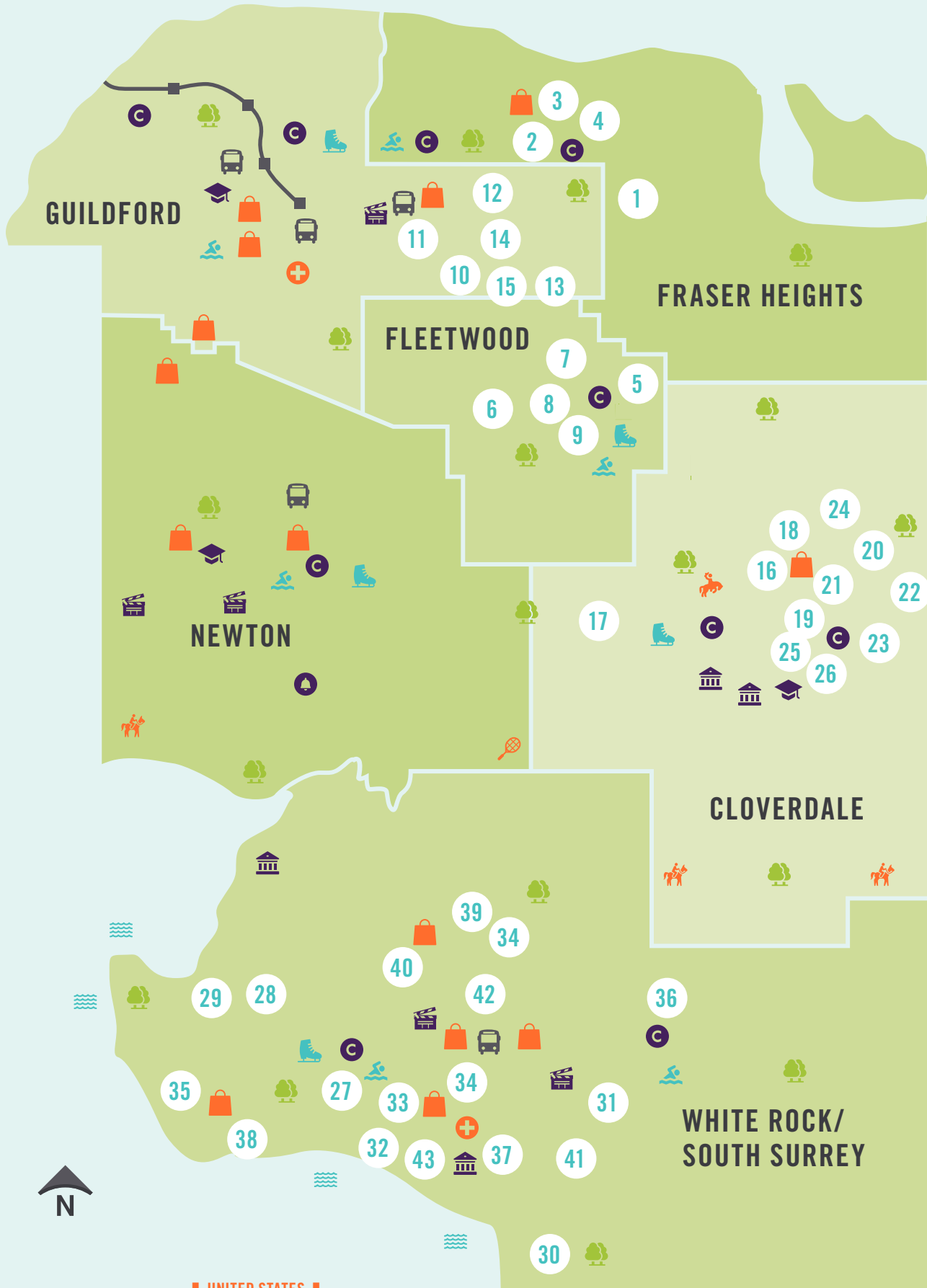
To get around Surrey or to other communities in Metropolitan Vancouver, the **TransLink bus & SkyTrain network** is safe, frequent and offers discounted fares for students. Learn more at [TransLink.ca](https://www.translink.ca).







30 MIN TRAVEL TIME BY CAR

35 MIN  
TRAVEL TIME  
BY CAR

## FRASER HEIGHTS

Located in the northeast of Surrey in a quiet residential area, Fraser Heights is very close to shopping, restaurants and excellent transportation options in the Guildford area. Fraser Heights Secondary is located next to a brand new community centre, with several tennis courts and sports fields. This area is popular with families and has many large homes and parks.



### SCHOOLS IN THE FRASER HEIGHTS AREA

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Bothwell  
Dogwood  
Erma Stephenson  
Fraser Wood

#### SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Fraser Heights



#### RENTAL COSTS (PER MONTH)

**1 Bedroom Suite**  
\$1,100 – \$1,400

**2 Bedroom Suite**  
\$1,300 – \$1,800





## FLEETWOOD-GUILDFORD

With one of BC's largest malls, world-class fitness studios and Olympic-sized pools at the new Guildford Aquatic Centre, hundreds of restaurants and excellent transportation options, including bus routes and SkyTrain (subway), Guildford is Surrey's busiest and most culturally diverse region. With densely populated residential neighbourhoods located close to schools, shopping and services, families can enjoy both the urban and suburban lifestyle.



### RENTAL COSTS (PER MONTH)

**1 Bedroom Suite**  
\$1,000 – \$1,300

**2 Bedroom Suite**  
\$1,200 – \$1,600



## SCHOOLS IN THE FLEETWOOD-GUILDFORD AREA

### FLEETWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Coast Meridian  
Coyote Creek  
Frost Road  
Walnut Road  
William Watson

### GUILDFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Berkshire Park  
Bonaccord  
Harold Bishop  
Serpentine Heights  
William F. Davidson  
Woodland Park

### FLEETWOOD SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Fleetwood Park  
Enver Creek

### GUILDFORD SECONDARY SCHOOLS

North Surrey  
Johnston Heights





## CLOVERDALE

One of Surrey's fastest growing communities, Cloverdale has many heritage buildings, TV and film locations and Surrey's largest convention facilities. Cloverdale hosts a large annual rodeo and country fair, and is often the location for big city festivals and events. It is a quiet, safe, residential neighbourhood with many new homes located close to its three secondary and numerous elementary schools.



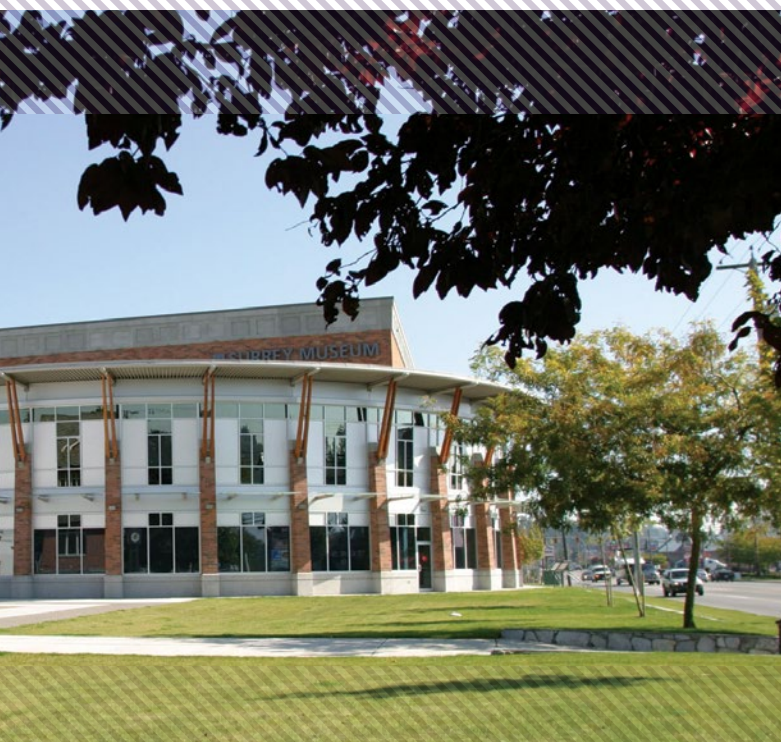
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## SCHOOLS IN THE **CLOVERDALE** AREA

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Adams Road  
A.J. McLellan  
Clayton  
Don Christian  
Hazelgrove  
Hillcrest  
Katzie  
Latimer Road  
Maddaugh Road  
Martha Currie  
Sunrise Ridge

### **SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Clayton Heights  
Lord Tweedsmuir  
Salish





## WHITE ROCK & SOUTH SURREY

South Surrey/White Rock is a beautiful seaside community with miles of sandy beaches along the Pacific Ocean that borders the United States. It offers fine dining, a variety of shopping options and larger homes set on lovely tree-lined streets in residential areas.

The waterfront area offers many recreational opportunities including sailing, kayaking and paddleboarding. A 500-meter pier extending out into the bay is a popular spot for tourists and locals.

This community is growing quickly, and Grandview Heights Secondary, Douglas, and Edgewood Elementary Schools are all brand new.



### RENTAL COSTS (PER MONTH)

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**2 Bedroom Suite**  
\$1,500 – \$2,500







## SCHOOLS IN THE **WHITE ROCK & SOUTH SURREY** AREA

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Bayridge  
Chantrell Creek  
Crescent Park  
Douglas  
Edgewood  
H.T. Thrift  
Jessie Lee  
Morgan  
Ocean Cliff  
Pacific Heights  
Peace Arch  
Ray Shepherd

Rosemary Heights  
Semiahmoo Trail  
South Meridian  
Sunnyside  
White Rock

### **SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Earl Marriott  
Elgin Park  
Grandview Heights  
Semiahmoo





### **MCW – MULTI-CULTURAL WORKERS**

Surrey Schools has Multi-Cultural Workers available to help children, parents and custodians in their first language. They can attend school meetings, help support and assess students and provide translation.

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT**

When international students first arrive, they are assessed to determine the level of English support required. While international students are fully integrated into regular classes, they may also be assisted by learning support specialists in or outside of the classroom as needed. In elementary school, there is no separate ESL class. The focus is on learning English through immersion.







## **ORIENTATION**

Upon arrival, parents and custodians are invited to an Elementary Orientation session. We review school schedules and policies, provide information about the BC education system and answer lots of questions! It is also a great chance to meet our Multi-Cultural Workers (MCW) who translate the session into several other languages.

## **PARENT PROGRAM**

Surrey Schools offers a free English language program for international student parents. Twice a week, parents attend a special morning class taught by a Surrey teacher. The program is focused on helping parents develop their English language skills, learn about life in Canada, make friends and get involved in their community.







# GET INVOLVED IN YOUR SCHOOL

## PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Most schools provide information through an email newsletter or blog and have a parent committee that is optional to join.



## FINE ARTS

Students can join school music programs, learn to play an instrument, sing in a choir or perform in concerts and school plays.

## SPORTS

Each school offers after-school sports teams for intermediate students (usually grades 4–7). Sports played in elementary schools include volleyball, basketball, soccer and track and field. All schools have a gymnasium, outdoor sports fields, athletic equipment and playgrounds.



## FIELD TRIPS

To encourage learning outside the classroom, schools provide field trips throughout the year, including visits to museums, science and technology centres, and local theatre performances. Students also enjoy field trips for ice skating, swimming and other athletics.

## MORE TO DO IN SURREY

### SURREY RECREATION

The City of Surrey Recreation Guide comes out four times a year. Wellness, Fitness, Aquatics, Skating, Arts, Languages, and day camps are just some of the programs offered for children, teens and adults.

### NATURE TRAILS

There are more than 100 kilometres of nature trails within Surrey parks. You will find urban forests with lakes in busy city centres, world-class bird-watching opportunities, salmon hatcheries and giant trees over 60 metres tall!

## IN SURREY YOU'LL ENJOY:

200

PARKS

10

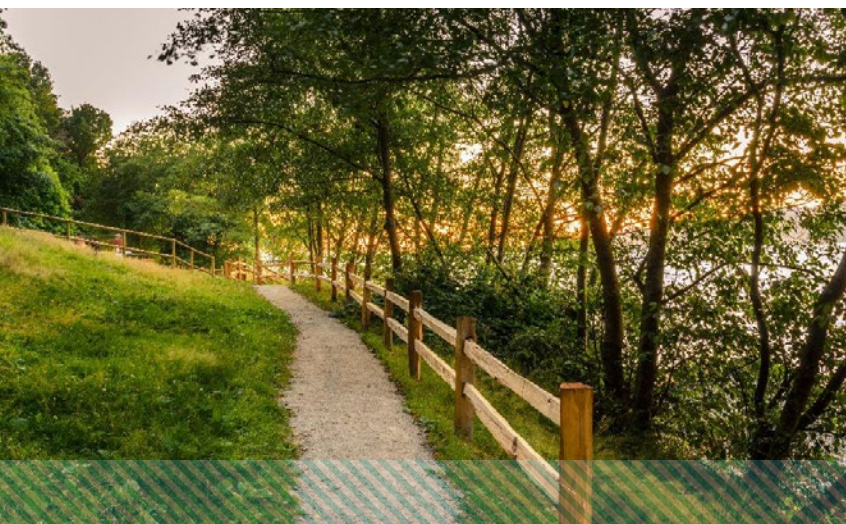
GOLF COURSES

8

OUTDOOR  
POOLS

6

INDOOR AQUATIC  
CENTRES



### GROCERY SHOPPING

Surrey has dozens of grocery stores including Costco, Real Canadian Superstore and many specialized Asian markets such as T&T, Henlong Market, Hannam Market, and H Mart. There are also outdoor farmers markets and many health stores that focus on wellness, nutrition and organic products.

### SURREY LIBRARIES

There are 9 libraries located in the cities of Surrey/White Rock. Try a literature club or English conversation circle for adults, story time for kids, and fun family seasonal events.



20

COMMUNITY  
CENTRES

15

TURF SPORT FIELDS

5

ICE SKATING  
ARENAS

### FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

From the Cloverdale Rodeo, to annual Christmas tree lighting, Earth Day, international children's festival, Canada Day and many other celebrations, there are lots of opportunities to join together with your community in Surrey.





"Sea to Sky"  
Highway

99

Cypress  
Provincial  
Park

Grouse  
Mountain

Mount Seymour  
Provincial Park

B.C. Ferries Terminal  
to Nanaimo,  
Bowen Island  
and Sunshine Coast

West Vancouver

North Vancouver

SeaBus

Vancouver

Burnaby

New  
Westminster

Vancouver  
International  
Airport (YVR)

Richmond

Delta

Ladner

Tsawwassen

# In the heart of METROPOLITAN VANCOUVER

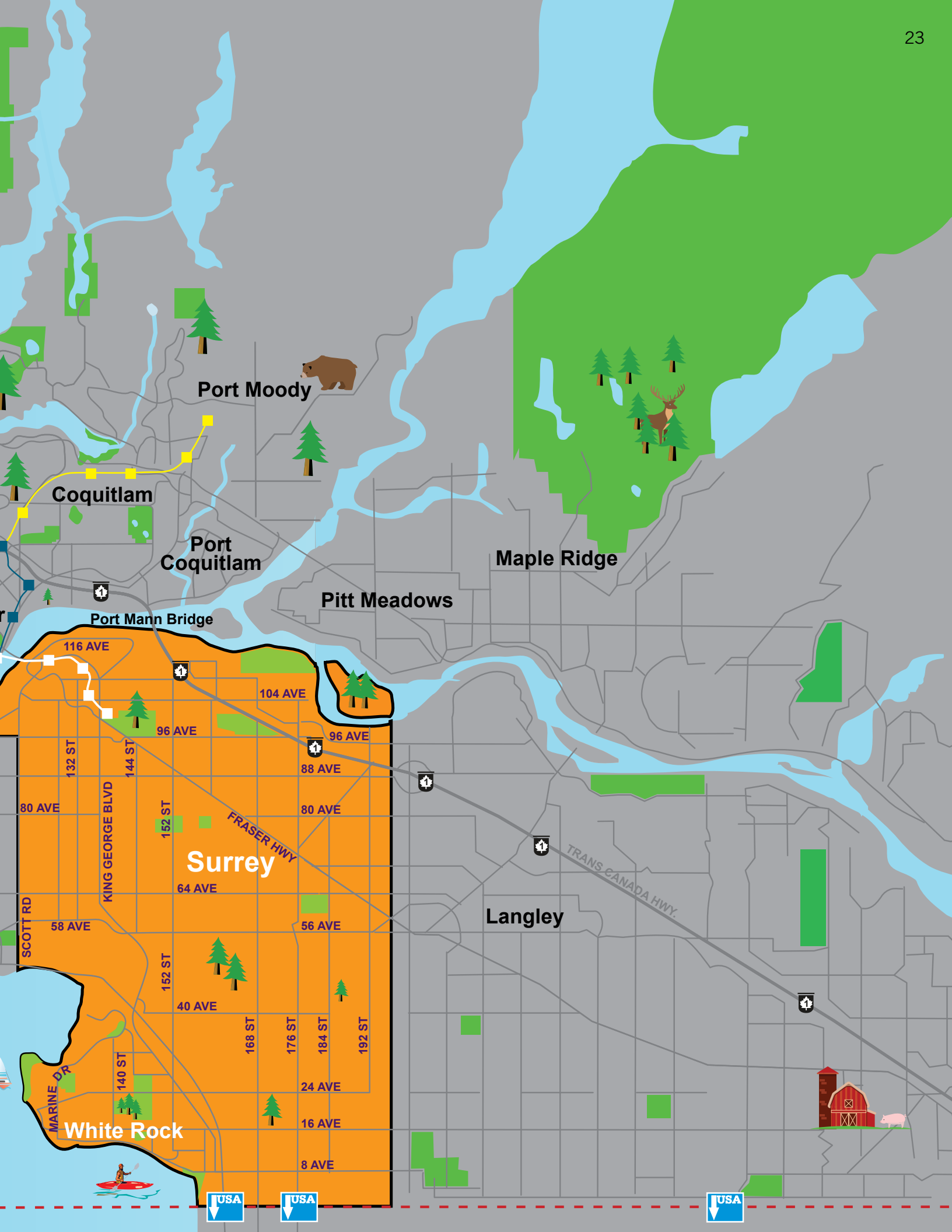
Surrey/White Rock is conveniently located close to international airports, ferries to the Gulf Islands, and local ski hills.

The Surrey School District, where we work, play and learn, is located on the shared, unceded traditional territories of the Katzie, Semiahmoo, Kwantlen and other Coast Salish Peoples.



B.C. Ferries Terminal  
to Victoria, Nanaimo and Gulf Islands





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