



Burnaby South Secondary School & The BC School For The Deaf



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School Calendar

Burnaby South is a linear school, where students are enrolled in 8 fulltime courses, beginning in September and ending in June, with 3 official reporting periods. Students attend 4 courses on one school day, with the second set of 4 courses on the next day.

Some students may choose to take additional "9th Courses" which can occur before or after school.

Grading System

The Burnaby School District does not rank students, but we do provide an unweighted GPA with the highest eligible of 4.0.

Our students are also graded using the following letter grade system:

A	= 86 - 100%	(4.0)	- <i>Excellent</i>
B	= 73 - 85%	(3.0)	- <i>Very Good</i>
C+	= 67 - 72%	(2.5)	- <i>Good</i>
C	= 60 - 66%	(2.0)	- <i>Satisfactory</i>
C-	= 50 - 59%	(1.5)	- <i>Min. Acceptable</i>
I	= 0 - 49%	(0.0)	- <i>Incomplete</i>
F	= 0 - 49%	(0.0)	- <i>Failed</i>

Mission Statement

Burnaby South Secondary and the BC Provincial School for the Deaf is a multicultural community of learners striving to discover knowledge while developing mutual respect as they reach their individual potential and engage in dynamic teamwork.

We value our intellectual, cultural, and social diversity and encourage students to learn using all the means and opportunities available to them.

School & Community

Burnaby South is a very large urban high school located in Burnaby, a suburb of Vancouver, British Columbia. We are best known for our AP Capstone Diploma, American Sign Language, and Michael J Fox Theatre. Burnaby South is the only school in BC with an indoor running track and TV Production Studio. We have a very strong emphasis on Community Involvement, Humanitarian & Environmental Issues.

Burnaby South enrolls the most diverse multicultural populations of all Burnaby schools, with our families coming from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds. Our students are in Grades 8-12, with a current student population over 1560, and a graduating class of 390. Post-Graduation, approximately 60% of Burnaby South students enter a College/University Program directly from High School.

Covid-19 Update

The Burnaby School District's health and safety guidelines have been provided to us by the BC Ministry of Education and BC's Chief Medical Officer, with the primary objective being the safety and well-being of students and staff. All schools have limited and restricted access to schools for anyone but staff & students, and have eliminated school-wide assemblies and other large gatherings. All staff and students have been provided with reusable masks which must be worn in common areas such as hallways, cafeteria and outside learning groups. Parents and students perform daily self-health assessments prior to entering the school, schools have staggered start, lunch and dismissal times, and there are enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols in place throughout the school day.

Due to Covid-19, the Burnaby School District has had to pivot from a Linear System, to a Quarter System to allow for students to be arranged in learning groups of 30 or fewer students and staff. In the Quarter System, students attend 2 classes every day for 10-week quarters (for a total of eight classes over the year). Our senior students (Grade 10, 11 & 12) attend one in-person morning class daily and will have a second afternoon class involving a mix of online and in-school learning, with additional time built into the schools schedule each day to support students who need additional help. Microsoft Teams is being used by all staff & students, which allows them to access learning if the pandemic stage changes, or if students may be temporarily home due to illness. This Quarter system is unfamiliar to all students, with our Grade 12s experiencing added stress than previous graduates.

Students who are immunocompromised, have an underlying medical condition, or are living with someone who is, are provided an opportunity for at-home learning with remote support online from a District Teacher.

We currently have 200 fewer International Students enrolled this year due to travel restrictions related to Covid-19.

Recent School Accolades

- **BC Winter Games** - Gold Medals in:
Figure Skating, Karate & Ringette (2020)
- **Beedie Luminaries** \$40,000 (2020,19)
- **Burnaby Environmental Award** (2020)
- **Canadian Math League Champs** (2020)
- **GM Shrum** \$20,000 (2020)
- **Schulich Award** \$80,000 - UBC (2020)
- **CIBC Student Company of Year** (2019)
- **CyberTitan** - Top Team Award (2019)
- **PHE Canada** - 1st School in Can (2019)
- **Regional Animation** - Gold (2019)
- **Skills Canada** - Silver (2019)
- **World Scholars Cup** - 13 medals (2019)
- **Canada CyberDefence** - Silver (2018)
- **Skills Canada** - Gold (2018,16)
- **Cmolik Foundation** \$40,000 (2017,15)
- **Samsung Solve For Tomorrow STEM**
Winner (2017) <https://youtu.be/jvtC5nXhQsQ>



South Athletics

Website: <http://www.GoRebels.ca/>

Online Store: <https://Shop.GoRebels.ca/>

Social Media: @RebelsAthletics



Teams: *Badminton, Basketball, Ball Hockey, Cross Country, Dragonboat, Golf, Netball, Rugby, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Track, Ultimate, Volleyball, Wrestling*

Recent Championships:

- Sr Boys Basketball Prov Champs (2020,18)
- Sr Boys Basketball District Champs (2020)
- Jr Boys Basketball Champs (2019,17,13)
- Jr Girls 100m Sprint - Gold Medal (2018)
- Gr 8 Boys Basketball Champs (2017,16,15)
- Sr Girls Basketball Dist Champs (2017,14)
- Gr 9 Boys Basketball Champs (2015,12)

Notable Alumni:

- Jermaine Haley - *Basketball* (2012)
- Srdjan Djekanovic - *Soccer* (2000)
- Christine Sinclair - *Soccer* (2000)

Clubs & Councils

Burnaby South offers a large number of Clubs & Councils for students to become involved with each school year:

Animal Rescue, Animation, Arts, Badminton, Best Buddies, Biology, Boardgames, Business, Cards, Christian, Chemistry, Debate, Green, E-Sports, GNFK, GSA, Improv, Interact, Indian Umbrella, K-POP, Lab Geek, Library, Makerspace, Mental Health Aware, Muslim Students, Music, Otaku, PacificRing Handbell Choir, Peacemakers, Photography, Physics, Programming & Robotics, Rebels Athletics (RAC), Rebels Reach for Cancer, Road to Code, Rubik's Cube, Sr Math, Social Issues, Student Gov't, Theatre Tech, We Council

Academics

Burnaby South is committed to developing students who are confident, independent learners, with the ability to think critically, and act responsibly. Our focus is to educate students to participate actively as contributing citizens in a changing world. Our commitment is to provide a safe, supportive learning environment where individual potential is nourished and learners are challenged to reach for excellence.

Students at South have access to a wide range of learning experiences through the core subject areas (Math, Sciences, English, Social Studies & Physical Education), our wide selection of Business and Fine Art courses (including courses in Music, Media Arts, Theatre & Dance), as well as courses in both Junior & Senior Leadership, where students develop skills in organization and coaching. We are the only school in British Columbia to offer the Cisco Networking Academy and the only school in Burnaby to offer a Fitness Trainer Certificate, and an interdisciplinary Math, Science, Engineering Program.

All Graduates in BC are required to complete & present a career focused graduation project which integrates personal interests & strengths with their preferred future possibilities. Students work with mentors to inform career-life development and exploration, where they reflect on their experiences in and out of school. Students also complete a minimum of 30hrs of work experience; although, some can complete 80hrs in a specific area, if the work experience & courses combine in a common career focus.

Pre-AP Honours & Advanced Placement

Burnaby South offers an Advanced Learning program which consists of 22 Pre-AP Honours courses offered to students in Grades 8-11 (intended to motivate and advance learners), and 22 Advanced Placement Courses.

This school year our 22 AP Courses include: 2-D & 3-D Design, Biology, Calculus AB & BC, Capstone Research & Seminar, Chemistry, Chinese Language, Computer Sci A & Principles, English Literature, French Language, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Music Theory, Physics 1, Physics 2, Psychology, Statistics & Studio Art: Drawing.

We are also only 1 of 36 schools in Canada who have been selected to offer the innovative AP Capstone Diploma Program. Students engage in the rigorous development of skills critical for post-secondary success in inquiry, research, collaboration, and writing.

Over the last 5 years, over 33% of Burnaby South students took one or more Honours/AP course and over 38% of all Grade 12 students were enrolled in at least one AP course. Over the last few years, approximately 70% of all AP exams written received a grade of 4 or 5, with 90% of all exams written receiving a grade of 3, 4 or 5. We have also had students as young as Grade 9 write an AP exam and receive a score of 5 out of 5. Last year we had 211 Students in Grade 9-12 signed up for an AP Course, with 390 AP Exams written in May. In addition, this past year we had 61 AP Scholar Winners and 17 AP National Scholar Winners.

College & University Acceptance

Our Burnaby South Seniors have been accepted to and have attended the following Colleges & Universities in Canada & the United States:

Amherst, BCIT, Boston U, Brown, CalTech, Capilano, Columbia, Carnegie Mellon, Cornell, Dartmouth, Douglas, Duke, Eastman School of Music, Emily Carr, Harvard, John Hopkins, Justice Institute, Kwantlen, Langara, Mahidol, McGill, McMaster, MIT, NYU, Ottawa, Princeton, Queens, Rochester, SFU, Stanford, Trinity, UBC, UCFV, UCLA, UNBC, UofA, UofT, Univ. of Chicago, Univ. of Geneva, Univ. of Massachusetts, UPENN, UVIC, VCC, Waterloo, Western, Yale, York