



Burnaby South Secondary School & The BC School For The Deaf



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School Calendar

Burnaby South is a linear school, with students enrolled in 8 fulltime courses, beginning in September and ending in June, with 3 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

BC's curriculum focuses on Big Ideas, and Core & Curricular Competencies. Students are assessed on proficiency scales indicating their performance in relation to prescribed standards

Burnaby School Dist does not rank students, but we do provide an un-weighted GPA with the highest a 4.0

Students final letter grade system:

- A = 86 - 100% (4.0) - *Excellent*
- B = 73 - 85% (3.0) - *Very Good*
- C+ = 67 - 72% (2.5) - *Good*
- C = 60 - 66% (2.0) - *Satisfactory*
- C- = 50 - 59% (1.5) - *Min. Acceptable*
- IE = 0 - 49% (0.0) - *Insuff Evidence*
- F = 0 - 49% (0.0) - *Failed*

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 1804, and a graduating class of 404. Post-Graduation, approximately 60% of Burnaby South students enter a College/University Program directly from High School.

Covid-19 Update (September 2020 - Present)

During our 2020-21 school year, the Burnaby School District's primary objective was the safety and well-being of our students & staff. We limited access to schools for anyone but staff & students, and everyone wore masks in all common areas. Families performed daily self-health assessments, schools had a staggered start, lunch & dismissal times, and we added enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols throughout the school day.

In September 2020, due to Covid-19, the Burnaby School District pivoted from a Linear, to a Quarter System to allow students to be in learning groups of 30 or fewer students. In this Quarter System, students attended 2 classes every day for 10-week quarters (for a total of eight classes over the year). Our senior students (Grade 10-12) attended one in-person morning class daily with a second afternoon class involving a mix of online and in-school learning. Microsoft Teams was used by all staff & students, to allow access to learning. This Quarter system was unfamiliar to all of our students. Due to Covid-19 health and safety guidelines, all in-person extra-curricular activities were cancelled (ie: Sport Teams, Clubs, Councils) our school also enrolled 200 fewer International Students due to travel restrictions.

In the 2021-22 school year, with Covid-19 still impacting us, the Burnaby School District pivoted again from the Quarter system to a Semester System, where students attended 4 classes every day in each Semester. We planned for a "nearly normal" school year, where students were able to re-participate in all aspects of school, including Extracurricular Clubs and Teams.

Throughout the 2022-23 school year, we returned back to our original Linear school system, with all students enrolling in 8 courses (4 classes on each day), that run from September to June. Extracurricular Clubs & Teams fully returned to the schools for students to participate in.

Beginning in the 2023-24 school year, we continued to be on a Linear System with Extracurricular Clubs & Teams in full participation. All staff & students continue to complete their own personal Self Health Checks.

Recent School Accolades

- **Apple 2023 WWDC Swift Canada** - 1st
- **Canada's Got Talent** - Finals (2022)
- **World Hip Hop Champs** - 3rd (2022)
- **BC Winter Games** - Gold Medals in:
Figure Skating, Karate & Ringette (2020)
- **Beedie Luminaries** \$40,000 (24, 23,22,21)
- **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** - #1 School in Canada (2019)
- **Regional Animation** - Gold (2019)
- **Skills Canada** - Bronze (23), Silver (19)
- **World Scholars Cup** - 13 medals (2019)
- **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, Golf, Netball, Rugby, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Track, Ultimate, Volleyball, Wrestling*

Recent Championships:

- Sr Boys BBall Prov Champ (2022, 21, 20, 18)
- Sr Boys BBall Zonal Champs (2024, 20)
- Sr Girls BBall Zonal Champs (2017, 14)
- Sr Ultimate Zonal Champs (2024)
- Jr Boys BBall Zonal Champs (2024,19,17)
- Gr 8 Boys BBall Zonal Champs (2024,17,16)
- Gr 8 Girls BBall Zonal Champs (2024,15,12)

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 our core subject areas (Math, Sciences, English, Social Studies & Physical Education), Business & Fine Arts courses, and Junior & Senior Leadership. For our English Language Learners, we diversify and tailor our instruction to meet the academic language needs of our students so they can demonstrate their maximum potential in English. 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 20 Advanced Placement Courses.

This school year our 20 AP Courses include: 2-D & 3-D Design, Biology, Calculus AB & BC, Capstone Research, Capstone Seminar, Chemistry, Chinese Language, Computer Sci A, Computer Science Principles, 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 1 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 have received a grade of 4 or 5, with 90% of all exams 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 school year, 166 students in Grade 9-12 signed up for an AP Course, with 305 AP Exams written in May. We had 54 AP Award Winners, with 6 AP Capstone Diploma, 3 AP Capstone Certificates, 12 AP Scholar with Distinction, 8 AP Scholar with Honours & 25 AP Scholar.

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, Brock, Brown, CalTech, Capilano, Columbia, Carnegie Mellon, Cornell, Dartmouth, Douglas, Duke, Eastman School of Music, Emily Carr, Harvard, John Hopkins, Joffrey Academy, 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