



COWICHAN VALLEY

SCHOOL DISTRICT

BRITISH COLUMBIA



ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1953, Chemainus Secondary is a public high school in Chemainus, British Columbia. The school is home to 600 students and is known for its specialized approach to helping students achieve their goals through a combination of academic support and individualized attention through low student to teacher ratios. Having just completed a major renovation project, Chemainus has funded state of the art learning facilities to ensure all students have the tools necessary for success. Students are encouraged to get involved and thrive in the school community by joining some of the over twenty clubs, sports, and activities.

CHEMAINUS SECONDARY SCHOOL

**Cowichan Valley,
British Columbia**



FACILITIES

The school has recently undergone a major renovation project to modernize amenities. The school offers an award winning library, student center, and cafeteria. Students are welcome to take advantage of the state of the art sports field by joining a team such as basketball, soccer, or volleyball.



QUICK FACTS:

of Students: 600

of High Schools in District: 4

Estimated Start Date: Early September

Estimated End Date: Late June

Graduation Offered: Yes

Is ESL Offered: Yes

Fall Semester Program: Yes

Spring Semester Program: Yes

Teacher:Student Ratio: 1:18

Nearest Airport: Vancouver

International Airport

Airport Code: YVR

COURSES OFFERED



Math

Foundations of Mathematics, Precalculus Mathematics, Workplace Mathematics, Statistics, Calculus



Science

Chemistry, Life Sciences, Physics, Science for Citizens, Anatomy and Physiology (Human Biology), Psychology



Social Studies

Lifeology, Social Justice, History, General Social Studies, World History, Explorations in Social Studies, Social Studies in the Media



English

Creative Writing, Composition, Media Studies, Spoken Language, Literary Studies, Modern Media Publications, General English Studies



Languages

French, Punjabi



The Arts

Art Studio, Concert Band, Contemporary Music, Dance, Drama, Guitar Ensemble, Theatrical Productions



Electives

Woodworking, Automotive Shop Class, Metalworking, Drafting, Computer Studies, Food Studies, Electronics and Robotics



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ATHLETICS

BOYS

Fall Soccer, Cross Country

Winter Basketball, Ice Hockey, Wrestling

Spring Track and Field, Cross Country

GIRLS

Fall Soccer, Cross Country

Winter Basketball, Volleyball

Spring Track and Field, Cross Country

SCHOOL CLUBS

- Art Club
- Chess Club
- Eco Conservation Club
- Learning Lab
- Math Club
- Movies Club
- Music Lessons
- Native Culture Club
- Outdoor Activities Club
- Science Club
- Student Outreach Club
- Yearbook Club

SCHOOL FACTS

AP Offered: Yes

IB Offered: No

French Immersion Offered: No

School Academies: Yes

ENROLLMENT RESTRICTIONS

Age: 13-18

Already Graduated Students: Yes

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

CSS is located in a beautiful and historical part of Canada. Chemainus is a picturesque town located on the eastern coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. The town is internationally recognized for its more than 30 huge murals painted on buildings throughout the community depicting the history of the local area. Located in the Cowichan Valley, which is a region around the Cowichan River and Cowichan Lake on Vancouver Island, the Cowichan Region experiences a transitional climate, somewhere between cool Mediterranean and Maritime.



Population: 4,000

Nearest Major City: Vancouver, BC

Temperature Range: 3°C to 22°C



ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Students are enrolled in a friendly, welcoming, successful school, located along the scenic views of coastal British Columbia. Students enjoy an open campus, and select their courses from a broad program list with a variety of different learning options, as well as practical and fine arts programs, all located in a first rate facility. Academics are only part of the package with Lake Cowichan. Students are strongly encouraged to join school clubs and activities. Lake Cowichan strives to see every student involved with, and integrated into the school community so that every student feels as though they belong.

LAKE COWICHAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

**Cowichan Valley,
British Columbia**

QUICK FACTS:

of Students: 350

of High Schools in District: 4

Estimated Start Date: Early September

Estimated End Date: Late June

Graduation Offered: Yes

Is ESL Offered: Yes

Fall Semester Program: Yes

Spring Semester Program: Yes

Teacher:Student Ratio: 1:17

Nearest Airport: Vancouver

International Airport

Airport Code: YVR



FACILITIES

The facilities at Lake Cowichan are truly unique in their open concept. Lake Cowichan offers a mix of indoor and outdoor education spaces. Science and some elective courses are held in specially designed outdoor classroom spaces to maximize hands-on learning and in-depth understanding of the subject matter.



COURSES OFFERED



Math

Foundations of Mathematics, Precalculus Mathematics, Workplace Mathematics, Statistics



Science

Chemistry, Outdoor Studies, Lake Studies, Biology, Physics, Life Sciences, Conservation and Earth Sciences, Forensic Science



Social Studies

Lifeology, Family Studies, Psychology, Philosophy, History of the World, History of Canada



English

Creative Writing, Composition, Literary Studies, General English Studies, English as a Second Language



Languages

French, Japanese



The Arts

Sculpture, Photography, Drawing and Painting, Music Appreciation, Drama and the Performing Arts



Electives

Baking, Tourism, Search and Rescue, Carpentry, Film Making, Culinary Arts, Philosophy, Physical Education



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ATHLETICS

BOYS

Fall Soccer, Cross Country

Winter Basketball, Wrestling, Badminton

Spring Track and Field, Cross Country, Golf

GIRLS

Fall Soccer, Cross Country

Winter Basketball, Volleyball,

Spring Track and Field, Cross Country, Girls Field Hockey

SCHOOL CLUBS

- Art Club
- Chess Club
- Choir
- Drama Guild
- Eco Conservation Club
- Guitar Ensemble
- Learning Lab
- Math Club
- Movies Club
- Music Lessons
- Native Culture Club
- Outdoor Activities Club
- Rock Climbing Club
- Science Club
- Sculpting Club
- Student Outreach Club
- Yearbook Club

SCHOOL FACTS

AP Offered: Yes
IB Offered: No
French Immersion Offered: No
School Academies: Yes

ENROLLMENT RESTRICTIONS

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Already Graduated Students: Yes

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Lake Cowichan is a cozy, charming town on the eastern end of the lake. Located thirty minutes from Duncan, the amenities of the city are within easy reach. Nature and pristine scenery are unrivaled in the area around Lake Cowichan. Those who love the great outdoors will have no problem filling their days! Often called "Vancouver Island's best kept secret" Lake Cowichan is a true gem with mountains, beaches, access to the water, and pristine forests. As a small town, the sense of community could not be stronger. The residents are friendly, excited, and eager to show you all the best that British Columbia has to offer!



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ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Students at Quamichan enjoy a friendly atmosphere, a welcoming school, and some of the best nature that Canada offers! Students can take advantage of the modern school facilities, the engaging teachers, and the extensive school grounds. Teachers here focus on taking care of the student's individual needs and go above and beyond to ensure student success. Students use a state of the art virtual library for round the clock access to academic assistance in their studies at Quamichan. Students remain active in the school with activities, sports, clubs, trips, and off-campus excursions.

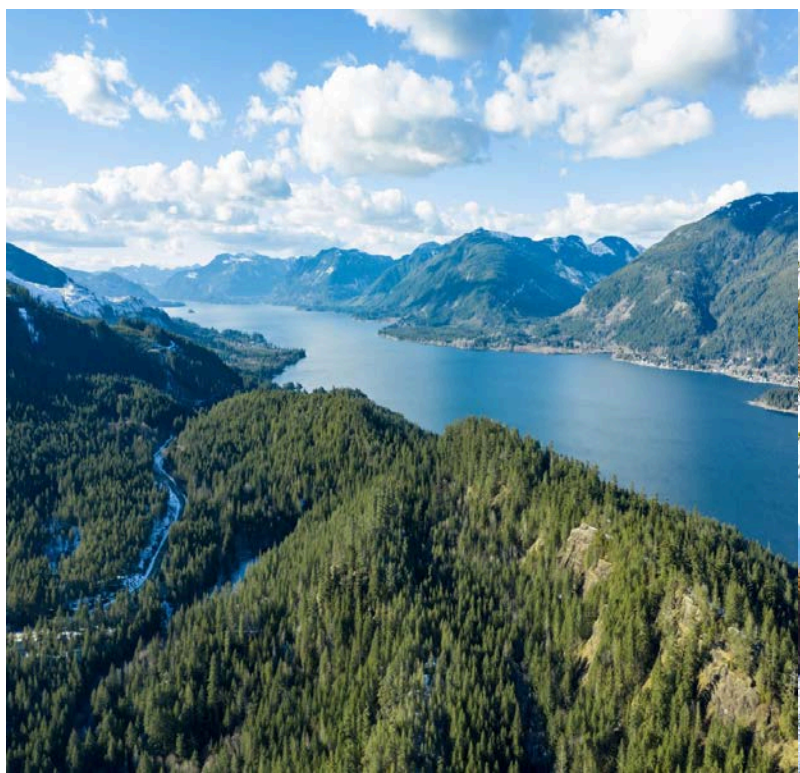
QUAMICHAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

**Cowichan Valley,
British Columbia**



FACILITIES

The facilities at Quamichan have undergone a recent renovation to build a carefully balanced style of classroom that incorporates both indoor and outdoor learning time. Dedicated science buildings, a physical and virtual learning lab, and a inclusive cafeteria all await students at Quamichan.



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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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- Guitar Ensemble
- Learning Lab
- Math Club
- Movies Club
- Music Lessons
- Native Culture Club
- Outdoor Activities Club
- Rock Climbing Club
- Science Club
- Sculpting Club
- Student Outreach Club
- Yearbook Club

SCHOOL FACTS

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IB Offered: No
French Immersion Offered: No
School Academies: Yes

ENROLLMENT RESTRICTIONS

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Already Graduated Students: Yes

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Cowichan Secondary School is located in the town of Duncan, British Columbia. Cowichan prides itself on offering extensive course options for students looking to explore their interests while still earning credit for studies that will lead to university acceptance. Students from Cowichan move on to university programs across British Columbia, Canada, and the United States. Cowichan aims to offer students a comfortable, welcoming atmosphere where students are able to succeed. International students are always made to feel welcome and are seen as a vital part of the school community.

COWICHAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

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British Columbia**

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Graduation Offered: Yes

Is ESL Offered: Yes

Fall Semester Program: Yes

Spring Semester Program: Yes

Teacher:Student Ratio: 1:22

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FACILITIES

Cowichan has an exclusive agreement with the Cowichan Community Centre to allow students access to swimming pools, fitness centre, ice arena, library, theatre, and cooking studios. Students are also welcome to make use of the dedicated studios for art, music, and shop classes.



COURSES OFFERED



Math

Mathematic Pathways, Workplace Mathematics, Foundations of Mathematics, Pre-Calculus, Calculus



Science

Chemistry, Environmental Science, Earth Science, Forensic Sciences, Physics, Life Sciences, Anatomy and Physiology



Social Studies

20th Century World History, First Peoples of British Columbia, Explorations of British Columbia, Social Justice, Physical Geography, History through Film



English

English Language Arts, Composition, Creative Writing, Literary Studies, New Media, Spoken English Language, English Theatre Company, English 10-12



Languages

French, Spanish, Native Hul'Q'Umi'Num



The Arts

Art Studio, Dance Foundations, Drama, Film and Television, Instrumental Music, Photography, Studio Arts, Theatre Production



Electives

Food Studies, Computer Studies, Fashion Industry, Metalwork, Woodwork, Digital Media Development, Robotics, Textile Design, Accounting



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ATHLETICS

BOYS

Fall Soccer, Cross Country

Winter Basketball, Swimming, Wrestling

Spring Track and Field, Cross Country, Rugby

GIRLS

Fall Soccer, Cross Country, Field Hockey

Winter Basketball, Volleyball

Spring Track and Field, Cross Country, Rugby

SCHOOL CLUBS

- Art Club
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Eco Conservation Club
- Learning Lab
- Math Club
- Music Lessons
- Native Culture Club
- Outdoor Activities Club
- Science Club
- Student Activities Club
- Theatre Guild

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French Immersion Offered: No
School Academies: Yes

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Cowichan Secondary School is located in a beautiful and natural part of Vancouver Island in downtown Duncan Village. As one of the major villages of Cowichan Valley, Duncan serves as the central hub for the region, with connections to Victoria, Vancouver, and Nanaimo. Students will find a comfortable, hometown atmosphere and will have no trouble settling into their new home. The village of Duncan is a model of safety, friendliness and BC culture. Ample public transport connects it to the rest of the region, Vancouver Island, and mainland British Columbia.



Population: 6,000
Nearest Major City: Vancouver, BC
Temperature Range: 3°C to 22°C