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Summer Exploration (Gr 1-6)	July 5 – July 25	Cook Elementary
Summer Fine Arts (Gr 1-6)	July 5 – July 25	Homma Elementary
Summer Innovation (Gr 1-6)	July 5 – July 25	Cook Elementary
Summer Camps (ages 6-12)	July 5 – July 25 (3 wk) July 4 – July 31 (4 wk)	Cook Elementary Boyd & MacNeill Secondary
Secondary Enrichment (Gr 8-12)	July 4 – July 31	Burnett Secondary
Academic Full Credit (Gr 10-12)	July 3 – August 2	McNair & Steveston-London Sec.
Academic Completion (Gr 10-11) / Skill Building (Gr 8-9)	July 3 – July 30	McNair Secondary
Summer Camps (ages 12-16)	July 4 – July 31	Burnett Secondary

<b>Will Summer Learning courses be held in-person or online this year?</b>
<i>In person.</i>

Summer Learning 2024 FAQ (cont'd)

<b>What are the different Summer Learning programs?</b>	
<p><b>Elementary Enrichment (Gr 1-7)</b>            July 4 – July 31            8:30 a.m.-1:30 a.m. or 10:55 a.m.-12:55 p.m.            or 1:20 p.m.-3:20 p.m</p>	<p><i>Students will review or get ready for September through learner-centred and engaging activities from the Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, French and Music curriculum.</i></p>
<p><b>Summer Exploration / Innovation            Summer Fine Arts (Gr 1-6)</b>            July 5 – July 25            9 a.m.-11:45 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m</p>	<p><i>Students will be involved in a variety of interdisciplinary, inquiry-based projects through hands on activities, fine arts, technology and outdoor field experiences.</i></p>
<p><b>Secondary Enrichment (Gr 8-12)</b>            July 4 – July 31            8:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.            1:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Building on the skills that students have acquired during the previous academic year, these courses may provide a preview of the course that students have not previously taken but plan to take in the coming school year.</i></p> <p><i><u>Note:</u> As this is a preview course that does not cover the entire curriculum, course credit will not be provided. Students should have completed the previous level of the course in which they wish to register.</i></p>
<p><b>Academic Full Credit (Gr 10-12)</b>            July 3 – August 2            8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. or 12 p.m.-3:30 p.m.</p>	<p><i>These intensive courses are intended for students who wish to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>○ acquire credits toward secondary graduation</i></li> <li><i>○ repeat a credit course to improve their mark</i></li> <li><i>○ satisfy post-secondary pre-requisites</i></li> </ul> <p><i>At the end of the course, students will receive credit for its successful completion.</i></p>
<p><b>Academic Skill Building (Gr 8-9)            Academic Completion (Gr 10-11)</b>            July 3 – July 30            9 a.m.-11 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.</p>	<p><i>The objective of this program is to provide those students who received "emerging"/the letter grade "I" (incomplete)"/"F"/course mark between 35%-49% during the regular school year a chance to raise their mark and receive credit for the course.</i></p> <p><i>The maximum mark that a student can achieve for an Academic Completion course is C- (50%-59%).</i></p>
<p><b>Summer Camps</b>            July 5 – July 25 (3-week)            9 a.m.-11 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.            July 4 – July 31 (4-week)            8:30 a.m.-1:30 a.m. or 10:55 a.m.-12:55 p.m.            or 1:20 p.m.-3:20 p.m</p>	<p><i>Encompassing the fine arts, sports, applied design, science and technology, students will engage in dynamic and interactive learning activities beyond the scope typical of most schools.</i></p>

<b>When can we register for Summer Learning?</b>	
<b>Academic Full Credit</b>	Registration <b>begins at 7 p.m.:</b> Grade 12 courses - May 6 Grade 11 courses - May 7 Grade 10 courses - May 8
<b>Academic Skill Building (Gr 8-9)</b> <b>Academic Completion (Gr 10-11)</b>	Registration <b>begins at 7 p.m.:</b> June 10 (Mon.)
<b>Enrichment</b>	Registration <b>begins at 7 p.m.:</b> Elementary Gr 1-7 – beginning April 22 Secondary Gr 8-12 – beginning April 29
<b>Summer Camps</b>	Registration <b>begins at 7 p.m.:</b> April 22 (Mon.)
<b>Registration closes on June 7 at 11:59 p.m.</b>	

<b>How to register for Summer Learning courses?</b>
<p>Visit <a href="http://www.richmondce.ca">www.richmondce.ca</a>. Under QuickLinks, click on icon “Register Online”. Search for courses of interest.</p> <p>First-time students will need to open an account on our registration software, using a unique log in name. Please have Personal Education Number (PEN) ready to enter. Students can find their PEN through the MyEdBC Parent Portal or request it from their home school. For detailed instructions, please refer to “How to Create an Account and Register for Courses” on our website.</p>

<b>Who can take summer learning courses?</b>
<p>Students (non-graduates) who are <u>currently enrolled</u> in a BC K-12 school.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Students entering Kindergarten in September 2024 are not eligible for Summer Learning.</p>



**We live in Richmond but my child attends a school outside of the Richmond School District. Can we register for Richmond's Summer Learning?**

*YES, students who are currently attending a school, within or outside of Richmond School District school, are eligible to register for Summer Learning.*

*In order to be eligible, proof of the following must be presented by email to [RCE@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:RCE@sd38.bc.ca) before the start of Summer Learning:*

- a) parent's proof of status in Canada e.g. birth certificate, permanent resident card, Canadian passport or valid BC work/study permit; and*
- b) parent's proof of BC residency e.g. BC Driver Licence; BC Services Card.*

**We do not live in Richmond. Can my child register for summer learning in Richmond School District?**

*YES – any child who resides in British Columbia may register for our summer learning programs.*

*If your child attends school outside of the Richmond School District, please present proof of the following by email to [RCE@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:RCE@sd38.bc.ca), before the start of summer learning to complete the registration process:*

- a) parent's status in Canada e.g. birth certificate, permanent resident card, Canadian passport or valid BC work/study permit; and*
- b) parent's BC residency e.g. BC Driver Licence; BC Services Card.*

**Can international students take summer learning courses?**

*YES, international students are welcome to take our summer learning courses, for a fee. Please refer to "How much does it cost?" section below.*

*International students, who are not currently attending school in Richmond School District, must present their valid BC Study Permit by email to [RCE@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:RCE@sd38.bc.ca), before the start of summer learning to complete the registration process.*

**We are newcomers to the Richmond School District - may we register our child for Summer Learning?**

*Eligible students must be **currently enrolled** in the Richmond School District. Newcomer students who are currently residing in British Columbia with their parents and are pre-registered at their home school in September 2024, may register for Summer Learning.*

**My child has special learning needs. How will they be supported?**

Summer Learning program staff are qualified to support students with diverse abilities and disabilities, and to ensure a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. We encourage students who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and/or a Vancouver Coastal Health Care Plan and are currently receiving additional learning support from an Education Assistant at school, to **register online before Friday, May 10** to ensure adequate support is available.

**IEP** – Students who attend a non-Richmond School District school (public or private) are asked to email a copy of their IEP to [rce@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:rce@sd38.bc.ca)

First priority for students requiring additional learning support will be given to Richmond School District students>

**I am a Grade 12 student who does not have enough credits to graduate. Can I take summer learning courses?**

**YES** – as long as a student has not graduated and is under 19 years old as of June 30, 2024. Students who have graduated or are over 19 years of age are to consult with Richmond Continuing Education's adult secondary program at 604-668-7899.

**How many courses can I register for this summer?**

**Elementary school students** – choose ONE course, from Elementary Enrichment; Summer Exploration; Summer Fine Arts; Summer Innovation.

Students entering Grade 8 in September 2024 may choose to take up to three (3) Secondary Enrichment courses instead of one Elementary Enrichment course.

**Secondary school students** – maximum of THREE courses in total.

Any student can take one or more fee-based Summer Camps.

**My child will be finishing Grade 7 in June 2024. Can they register for a Grade 8 course?**

Yes, students entering Gr 8 in September 2024 may choose to take up to three (3) Secondary Enrichment courses instead of one Elementary Enrichment course.



**Course Pre-Requisites**

Students registered for full credit and completion courses are required to bring a copy of their current year final report card to the Summer Learning teacher on the first day of class.

Academic Full Credit courses – students are strongly advised not to register for a full credit course unless they are certain that they will meet the prerequisites of the course (it is recommended that students have at least a B in the prerequisite course).

**My child has successfully completed Grade 8 Math. He finds it easy and would like to challenge himself by taking a Grade 10 Math course this summer. Can he?**

NO – students must meet the prerequisites of each course in order to be allowed to take it.

**How much does it cost?**

<p>BC students (Kindergarten to Grade 12) currently attending a BC school, whose parents live in BC and are Canadian citizens, permanent residents or who hold valid work or study permits in BC</p>	<p><b>Free</b> [enrichment, full credit and completion courses]</p> <p><b>\$350-450</b> summer camps</p>
<p>Students with valid study permits, whose parents live outside of BC or hold valid work permits outside of BC</p>	<p><b>\$1,500</b> [full credit and completion courses]</p> <p><b>\$750</b> (enrichment courses and summer camps)</p>

**Withdrawal & Refund Policy (for summer camps & international fee-paying students)**

Requests for withdrawals must be communicated by email to [rce@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:rce@sd38.bc.ca) before the second class. A 15% processing fee will be charged for withdrawals before the second class. No refunds will be issued after the second class.



**Under Custom Questions - "Home School", do I enter my Grade 7 child's current school name or the name of the secondary school he will be going to? What is PEN?**

For Richmond School District students, there will be a menu of school choices to select. Please scroll to the top of the list and choose the name of your child's **current school**.

Note: If your child is currently in Grade 8, be sure to select the appropriate secondary school's name (as the system may still have your child's elementary school name under Home School).

Out of Richmond School District students will need to choose "Other" and type in the name of the school they are currently attending.

PEN stands for **Personal Education Number**. This is a 9-digit number that can be found on your child's report card or from the MyEdBC Parent Portal. Your child's school will also be able to provide this information.



**What if the course my child needs is full?**

Please add your child's name to the waitlist. As space becomes available, families will be contacted by phone/email.

We ask families to consider limiting the number of waitlisted spots to three (3) so that others get a chance to participate in Summer Learning too. 😊

**How do I know if my registration was successful?**

Students who have successfully registered will receive a transaction receipt sent to the email address provided when they initially registered for the course. Students can also log into their customer account to view their registered courses.

Please note that the Richmond School District reserves the right to cancel a class due to low enrolment or due to the unavailability of teachers or facility. Students will receive notification by email should a course be cancelled.

It is important that students keep their email and telephone contacts up to date .

**We would like to cancel our registration or waitlisted spot. How do we go about it?**

Please let us know of your wish to withdraw from Summer Learning by sending us an e-mail at [RCE@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:RCE@sd38.bc.ca), subject line: *Withdrawal from Summer Learning*. Please state your child's full name and the course name and number that you wish to be withdrawn from in the e-mail.

**Does Summer Learning require attendance every day?**

YES – Students are expected to attend each and every day of their course. Absences of more than 3 classes are not permitted.

If your child will be absent on the first day, please email [rce@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:rce@sd38.bc.ca), making sure to include in the message your child's name and the course that he/she will be absent from. Absences after the start of Summer Learning can be communicated to the teacher or the summer school office.

**What if our family has plans to travel during Summer Learning?** Most of our courses are fully enrolled, leaving many students unable to take courses. A student who enrolls but is consistently absent is taking the place of a student who potentially would have fully participated in the course. Therefore, we ask that students DO NOT register for Summer Learning if they plan to be away on vacation or will be absent due to sports, work or family commitments.

**What does my child need to bring on the first day of class?**

Students may wish to bring their usual learning supplies (e.g. pen, paper, notebook) and any medications in case of need (e.g. Epipen).

**Will my child need to buy workbooks?**

Some courses require students to pay for a workbook (estimate cost \$30). This deposit will be refunded if the workbook has not been written in and returned in good condition. Workbook deposits will be refunded through the same form of payment (credit card) as originally made, after approval from the Summer Learning administration. Students registered in courses where a workbook deposit is required will be sent instruction on how to complete payment.



**Will my child be getting homework for Summer Learning?**

Students enrolled in academic full credit courses should be prepared for about two-three hours of daily homework. All other programs may or may not involve homework.

**What happens at the end of Summer Learning? Will my child receive a report card?**

Yes, student progress reports will be available at the end of Summer Learning. Students who have successfully completed the Academic Full Credit courses will receive credits for the courses they have completed.

**For full credit courses, will my child's final course mark appear on the transcript?**

Students whose home school is part of the Richmond School District, will see their full credit course marks appear on their transcripts once their home school uploads their marks to the Ministry of Education in the Fall.

Out of Richmond School District/private school students are to present their Summer Learning report cards to their own schools in September, who will then submit the marks to the Ministry of Education on their behalf.

**If my child withdraws before the end of a Full Credit course, will they receive a grade/mark on their transcript?**

Only marks for full credit courses that are successfully completed will appear on a student's transcript. If a student withdraws prior to the deadline (communicated by the Summer Learning administration), they will receive a "W" on their final summer learning report card and on their Permanent Student Record (not on their transcript).

