

STEVESTON-LONDON SECONDARY SCHOOL

SPECTRUM

A Three-Year Program of Enriched Studies (Grades 8-10)

Foundations for the Future: The Spectrum Vision

Just as light is a blend of many colours, the Spectrum program is a blend of many elements of education. For those students who are ready for more than just academics, Spectrum offers opportunities for enhancement of leadership skills, exploration of community service, and participation in a variety of outdoor and field experiences. Opportunities for independent study allow students to pursue individual interests to enrich their academic experiences and personal growth.



"Personally, this program has taught me to be the best person I can be. I discovered and molded my personal principles and aspirations. My greatest achievement in the Spectrum program would be my discovery of a life career I am passionate about. Through my Grade 10 Enrichment Exploration Project, I began testing the waters of my future and stepped out of my comfort zone. I don't ever regret handing in my Spectrum application!"

Spectrum Graduate

Program Overview

Challenging Academics

The Steveston-London Spectrum Program encompasses the four core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. At each grade level, a team of teachers collaborate to provide a comprehensive and challenging program of inquiry. The scope of each of these core courses meets the Ministry-prescribed grade level curricula while providing opportunities for academic enrichment. Students develop problem-solving, critical analysis, teamwork and communication skills, and are well-prepared for senior-level and Advanced Placement courses.

A Community of Learners

The Spectrum classroom climate encourages the development of collaborative skills within a network of peers. Opportunities to work in cooperative groups allow students to enhance both leadership and team-building skills through a variety of student-centered activities.

Individualized Learning Opportunities

Independent projects and structured mentorship experiences provide students one-of-a-kind opportunities to expand their knowledge and explore topics of their own interest. Steveston-London is currently the only secondary school in Richmond that has a long-term mentorship project as part of its enriched program.

Personal Growth

The Spectrum Program fosters the development of self-confidence and resilience through a variety of educational experiences. Volunteering outside of school helps students appreciate their own role in the local and global communities. Educational trips in each grade extend the classroom to the wider world and help students challenge their own limits and develop teamwork and leadership skills. In Grades 8 and 9, students attend a program at the Strathcona Outdoor Education Centre on Vancouver Island, and in Grade 10, students travel to Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City. These mandatory experiences are a core component of the Spectrum Program.

The Spectrum Candidate and Student:

- Is curious and committed to inquiry
- Is willing to take risks in their learning
- Sees setbacks as part of the learning process
- Is an independent problem-solver
- Is a strong communicator
- Is passionate about their interests, both inside and outside the classroom
- Is academically strong
- Is a confident self-starter
- Enjoys collaborating with peers
- Values and respects differences
- Is an engaged and supportive member of the classroom, school and wider communities



Steveston-London Secondary School

"Steveston-London is an outstanding school, and our students learn in a beautiful, architecturally distinct building that features first class science laboratories, a digitally connected library, two full-sized gymnasiums, a theatre, spacious art and music studios, shop areas, and new or renovated classrooms. SLSS students are academically motivated, socially responsible and positively connected to the school and to the wider community. We have high expectations for all SLSS students. The values of care and respect are taught and demonstrated by all, and are at the core of what makes SLSS such a safe and welcoming place to learn and work."

Ms. Carol-Lyn Sakata, Steveston-London Principal

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The vast majority of Steveston-London graduates go directly to university or college immediately after graduation. Many SLSS students go on to attend the University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, the University of Toronto, McGill University, the University of Victoria, Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Langara College, the BC Institute of Technology, and other great schools across B.C., Canada and the United States. They have built an impressive legacy of academic accomplishment!

Application Procedure

All applicants are expected to submit a completed Spectrum Application package. The application package for admission to the 2018-2019 school year will be available on **January 10, 2018** from the school's Spectrum webpage (slss.sd38.bc.ca/students/spectrum-program). The candidates will also write a skills assessment in Math and English at Steveston-London Secondary. All candidates will be notified by e-mail of the results of their application.

NOTE: Applications will be considered only from students who have been accepted as Steveston-London students. If a student is from outside Steveston-London's catchment area, they must apply to the School District for special permission to attend Steveston-London. That student's application to Spectrum will only be considered after their transfer application has been approved by the District.

Important Dates

Parent Information Session	January 31, 2018, 7:45 pm
Catchment Area Transfer Applications	due: February 2, 2018
Applications	due: March 2, 2018
Candidate Assessment of Skills	March 7, 2018, 3:30-5:30 pm
Candidate Interviews	April 11 & 12, 2018 (during the school day)
Offers of Admissions	e-mailed April 18, 2018
Acceptance Contracts	due: April 27, 2018

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For more information, and the answers to frequently asked questions, see the Spectrum Program website: spectrumprogram.wix.com/slssspectrum