



Ranking the schools

Important notes to the rankings

In this table, schools are ranked (on the left hand side of the page) in descending order (from 1 to 289) according to their academic performance as measured by the *Overall rating out of 10* (shown on the right hand side of the table) for the school year 2005/2006. Each school's five-year average ranking and *Overall rating out of 10* are also listed. The higher the overall rating (out of 10), the higher the rank awarded to the school. Where schools tied in the overall rating, they were awarded the same rank. Where less than five years of data was available, "n/a" appears in the table.

Not all the province's secondary schools are included in the tables or the ranking. Excluded are schools at which fewer than 15 regular day students were enrolled in grade 12 and schools that did not

generate a sufficiently large set of student data to enable the calculation of an *Overall rating out of 10*. Also excluded from the ratings and rankings are centres for adult education and continuing education; schools that cater largely to non-resident foreign students; and certain alternative schools that do not offer a full program of courses.

The exclusion of a school from the *Report Card* should in no way be construed as a judgement of the school's effectiveness.

IMPORTANT: In order to get the most from the *Report Card*, readers should consult the complete table of results for each school of interest. By considering several years of results—rather than just a school's rank in the most recent year—readers can get a better idea of how the school is likely to perform in the future.

Rank	Rank		School name	City	Overall rating	
	2005/2006	Last 5 years			2005/2006	Last 5 years
1	1	1	Crofton House	Vancouver	10.0	10.0
1	1	1	Little Flower	Vancouver	10.0	10.0
1	1	1	St George's	Vancouver	10.0	10.0
1	1	1	York House	Vancouver	10.0	10.0
1	5	5	Southridge	Surrey	10.0	9.9
1	6	6	West Point Grey	Vancouver	10.0	9.8
7	7	7	St Michaels	Victoria	9.8	9.7
8	11	11	Vancouver College	Vancouver	9.7	9.4
8	n/a	n/a	Meadowridge	Maple Ridge	9.7	n/a
8	n/a	n/a	Mulgrave	West Vancouver	9.7	n/a
11	12	12	Shawnigan Lake	Shawnigan Lake	9.6	9.2
12	7	7	Brentwood College	Mill Bay	9.5	9.7
13	9	9	University Hill	Vancouver	9.2	9.6
13	10	10	Glenlyon Norfolk	Victoria	9.2	9.5
13	17	17	Lord Byng	Vancouver	9.2	8.7
16	13	13	Collingwood	West Vancouver	9.1	9.1
16	22	22	Sentinel	West Vancouver	9.1	8.2
16	n/a	n/a	St John's	Vancouver	9.1	n/a
19	21	21	St Thomas Aquinas	North Vancouver	9.0	8.3
19	34	34	Richmond Christian	Richmond	9.0	7.7

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	2005/2006	Last 5 years			2005/2006	Last 5 years
21	15	15	Pacific Academy	Surrey	8.9	8.8
21	20	20	Point Grey	Vancouver	8.9	8.4
23	15	15	Kelowna Christian	Kelowna	8.7	8.8
23	18	18	Prince Of Wales	Vancouver	8.7	8.6
23	34	34	St Thomas More	Burnaby	8.7	7.7
26	19	19	West Vancouver	West Vancouver	8.5	8.5
27	31	31	Kitsilano	Vancouver	8.4	7.8
27	n/a	n/a	Relevant	Surrey	8.4	n/a
27	n/a	n/a	Rockridge	West Vancouver	8.4	n/a
30	23	23	Mount Douglas	Victoria	8.3	8.1
30	34	34	Sir Winston Churchill	Vancouver	8.3	7.7
30	n/a	n/a	Regent Christian	Surrey	8.3	n/a
33	26	26	Magee	Vancouver	8.2	8.0
33	42	42	Seycove	North Vancouver	8.2	7.5
35	23	23	Archbishop Carney	Port Coquitlam	8.1	8.1
35	31	31	Elgin Park	Surrey	8.1	7.8
37	28	28	Hugh McRoberts	Richmond	8.0	7.9
37	52	52	Fraser Heights	Surrey	8.0	7.3
39	13	13	St Margaret's	Victoria	7.9	9.1
39	26	26	Semiahmoo	Surrey	7.9	8.0

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2005/2006	Last 5 years			2005/2006	Last 5 years	2005/2006	Last 5 years			2005/2006	Last 5 years
39	28	Claremont	Victoria	7.9	7.9	95	114	Lambrick Park	Victoria	7.0	6.4
39	31	St Patrick's	Vancouver	7.9	7.8	95	n/a	Sullivan Heights	Surrey	7.0	n/a
39	52	LV Rogers	Nelson	7.9	7.3	101	52	Parkland	Sidney	6.9	7.3
39	63	Immaculata	Kelowna	7.9	7.2	101	89	Fraser Valley Christian	Surrey	6.9	6.8
39	114	Richmond	Richmond	7.9	6.4	101	96	Enver Creek	Surrey	6.9	6.7
46	23	St Andrew's	Victoria	7.8	8.1	101	106	Burnaby Mountain	Burnaby	6.9	6.6
46	39	New Westminster	New Westminster	7.8	7.6	101	n/a	Vanier Catholic	Whitehorse	6.9	n/a
46	39	Pinetree	Coquitlam	7.8	7.6	106	46	Timothy Christian	Chilliwack	6.8	7.4
46	52	Steveston	Richmond	7.8	7.3	106	52	Rossland	Rossland	6.8	7.3
46	63	Earl Marriott	Surrey	7.8	7.2	106	72	Highland	Comox	6.8	7.1
46	63	Okanagan Mission	Kelowna	7.8	7.2	106	89	Johnston Heights	Surrey	6.8	6.8
52	39	Langley Fine Arts	Fort Langley	7.7	7.6	106	145	Tamanawis	Surrey	6.8	6.0
52	52	Burnaby North	Burnaby	7.7	7.3	106	n/a	Princess Margaret	Penticton	6.8	n/a
52	83	Dr. Charles Best	Coquitlam	7.7	6.9	112	96	J Lloyd Crowe	Trail	6.7	6.7
52	83	Princess Margaret	Surrey	7.7	6.9	112	96	Lord Tweedsmuir	Surrey	6.7	6.7
52	89	J N Burnett	Richmond	7.7	6.8	112	106	Mount Boucherie	Kelowna	6.7	6.6
52	96	Abbotsford Christian	Abbotsford	7.7	6.7	112	120	Cambie	Richmond	6.7	6.3
58	34	Kalamalka	Vernon	7.6	7.7	112	125	Charles E London	Richmond	6.7	6.2
58	34	Mennonite Educational Inst.	Abbotsford	7.6	7.7	112	n/a	Houston Christian	Houston	6.7	n/a
58	46	Whistler	Whistler	7.6	7.4	118	52	Langley Christian	Langley	6.6	7.3
58	52	Elkford	Elkford	7.6	7.3	118	72	Sa-Hali	Kamloops	6.6	7.1
58	52	Pacific Christian	Victoria	7.6	7.3	118	72	Stelly's	Saanichton	6.6	7.1
58	63	White Rock Christian	Surrey	7.6	7.2	118	83	Summerland	Summerland	6.6	6.9
58	72	Holy Cross	Surrey	7.6	7.1	118	89	Stanley Humphries	Castlegar	6.6	6.8
58	106	South Delta	Delta	7.6	6.6	118	110	George Elliot	Winfield	6.6	6.5
66	28	Handsworth	North Vancouver	7.5	7.9	118	114	Walnut Grove	Langley	6.6	6.4
66	42	Sparwood	Sparwood	7.5	7.5	118	114	Westview	Maple Ridge	6.6	6.4
66	46	Seaquam	Delta	7.5	7.4	118	125	North Surrey	Surrey	6.6	6.2
66	46	Yale	Abbotsford	7.5	7.4	127	89	Delta	Delta	6.5	6.8
66	n/a	Kelowna	Kelowna	7.5	n/a	127	96	Prince Charles	Creston	6.5	6.7
71	63	Penticton	Penticton	7.4	7.2	127	110	R. E. Mountain	Langley	6.5	6.5
72	52	Notre Dame	Vancouver	7.3	7.3	127	n/a	Chilliwack Christian	Chilliwack	6.5	n/a
72	63	Dover Bay	Nanaimo	7.3	7.2	127	n/a	Kwantlen Park	Surrey	6.5	n/a
72	63	Oak Bay	Victoria	7.3	7.2	132	79	Brookwood	Langley	6.4	7.0
72	79	South Kamloops	Kamloops	7.3	7.0	132	79	Campbell River Christian	Campbell River	6.4	7.0
72	83	Sutherland	North Vancouver	7.3	6.9	132	125	Ballenas	Parksville	6.4	6.2
72	89	Moscrop	Burnaby	7.3	6.8	132	125	David Thompson	Vancouver	6.4	6.2
72	89	Sardis	Chilliwack	7.3	6.8	132	155	Hugh Boyd	Richmond	6.4	5.9
72	120	Robert Alexander McMath	Richmond	7.3	6.3	132	172	Cariboo Hill	Burnaby	6.4	5.7
80	46	Gulf Islands	Salt Spring Island	7.2	7.4	132	192	Reynolds	Victoria	6.4	5.4
80	63	Gleneagle	Coquitlam	7.2	7.2	139	120	Valleyview	Kamloops	6.3	6.3
80	72	Centennial	Coquitlam	7.2	7.1	139	125	Terry Fox	Port Coquitlam	6.3	6.2
80	72	Port Moody	Port Moody	7.2	7.1	139	187	North Delta	Delta	6.3	5.5
80	96	Windsor	North Vancouver	7.2	6.7	139	n/a	Robert Service	Dawson City	6.3	n/a
80	106	Killarney	Vancouver	7.2	6.6	143	72	Frances Kelsey	Mill Bay	6.2	7.1
80	n/a	Vancouver Talmud Torah	Vancouver	7.2	n/a	143	96	Clayton Heights	Surrey	6.2	6.7
87	42	Haney-Pitt Meadows Christian	Maple Ridge	7.1	7.5	143	96	St Ann's	Kamloops	6.2	6.7
87	42	Highroad	Chilliwack	7.1	7.5	143	114	D W Poppy	Langley	6.2	6.4
87	46	Argyle	North Vancouver	7.1	7.4	143	120	David Thompson	Invermere	6.2	6.3
87	79	Eric Hamber	Vancouver	7.1	7.0	143	125	Mission	Mission	6.2	6.2
87	125	Bulkley Valley Christian	Smithers	7.1	6.2	143	138	Burnaby South	Burnaby	6.2	6.1
87	166	Osoyoos	Osoyoos	7.1	5.8	143	166	Templeton	Vancouver	6.2	5.8
87	n/a	Cedars Christian	Prince George	7.1	n/a	143	n/a	Mark R. Isfeld	Courtenay	6.2	n/a
87	n/a	Kamloops Christian	Kamloops	7.1	n/a	152	83	Houston	Houston	6.1	6.9
95	52	W J Mouat	Abbotsford	7.0	7.3	152	96	Mount Sentinel	South Slokan	6.1	6.7
95	63	Robert Bateman	Abbotsford	7.0	7.2	152	125	Riverside	Port Coquitlam	6.1	6.2
95	83	Fleetwood Park	Surrey	7.0	6.9	152	145	Elphinstone	Gibsons	6.1	6.0
95	110	Burnaby Central	Burnaby	7.0	6.5	152	145	Pitt Meadows	Pitt Meadows	6.1	6.0

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152	155	Esquimalt	Victoria	6.1	5.9	209	238	Lakes District	Burns Lake	5.4	4.3
152	155	Ladysmith	Ladysmith	6.1	5.9	209	242	Eagle River	Sicamous	5.4	4.2
152	166	Mount Baker	Cranbrook	6.1	5.8	209	n/a	Mount Cheam Christian	Chilliwack	5.4	n/a
152	172	L A Matheson	Surrey	6.1	5.7	209	n/a	Nanaimo Christian	Nanaimo	5.4	n/a
161	138	Smithers	Smithers	6.0	6.1	218	216	Abbotsford	Abbotsford	5.3	5.0
161	145	Timberline	Campbell River	6.0	6.0	218	250	Pemberton	Pemberton	5.3	3.8
161	155	Georges P Vanier	Courtenay	6.0	5.9	220	125	JV Humphries	Kaslo	5.2	6.2
164	110	Chatelech	Sechelt	5.9	6.5	220	187	Caledonia	Terrace	5.2	5.5
164	125	Kwalikum	Qualicum Beach	5.9	6.2	220	199	Gladstone	Vancouver	5.2	5.3
164	138	Duchess Park	Prince George	5.9	6.1	220	228	Sir Alexander MacKenzie	Hagensborg	5.2	4.7
164	145	Matthew McNair	Richmond	5.9	6.0	224	138	Boundary Central	Midway	5.1	6.1
164	145	Rick Hansen	Abbotsford	5.9	6.0	224	166	Thomas Haney	Maple Ridge	5.1	5.8
164	155	North Peace	Fort St John	5.9	5.9	226	172	Brooks	Powell River	5.0	5.7
164	155	Salmon Arm	Salmon Arm	5.9	5.9	226	172	Peter Skene Ogden	100 Mile House	5.0	5.7
164	155	Similkameen	Keremeos	5.9	5.9	226	192	Chetwynd	Chetwynd	5.0	5.4
164	172	Fernie	Fernie	5.9	5.7	226	192	Kelly Road	Prince George	5.0	5.4
164	183	Brocklehurst	Kamloops	5.9	5.6	226	213	Chilliwack	Chilliwack	5.0	5.1
164	192	Heritage Park	Mission	5.9	5.4	226	216	South Peace	Dawson Creek	5.0	5.0
164	199	Guildford Park	Surrey	5.9	5.3	226	230	Queen Elizabeth	Surrey	5.0	4.6
164	204	Frank Hurt	Surrey	5.9	5.2	233	172	Pleasant Valley	Armstrong	4.9	5.7
164	n/a	Sands	Delta	5.9	n/a	233	183	Alberni District	Port Alberni	4.9	5.6
178	125	Pender Harbour	Madeira Park	5.8	6.2	233	183	Merritt	Merritt	4.9	5.6
178	138	Chemainus	Chemainus	5.8	6.1	233	192	H D Stafford	Langley	4.9	5.4
178	138	D P Todd	Prince George	5.8	6.1	233	216	Britannia	Vancouver	4.9	5.0
178	145	Southern Okanagan	Oliver	5.8	6.0	238	138	Selkirk	Kimberley	4.8	6.1
178	145	Vancouver Technical	Vancouver	5.8	6.0	238	204	Prince George	Prince George	4.8	5.2
178	155	R C Palmer	Richmond	5.8	5.9	238	228	Mount Elizabeth	Kitimat	4.8	4.7
178	155	St John Brebeuf	Abbotsford	5.8	5.9	241	166	Agassiz	Agassiz	4.7	5.8
178	172	Alpha	Burnaby	5.8	5.7	241	183	Garibaldi	Maple Ridge	4.7	5.6
178	187	Hatzic	Mission	5.8	5.5	241	204	College Heights	Prince George	4.7	5.2
187	96	Credo Christian	Langley	5.7	6.7	241	221	King George	Vancouver	4.7	4.9
187	125	Cowichan	Duncan	5.7	6.2	241	224	Nanaimo District	Nanaimo	4.7	4.8
187	145	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	5.7	6.0	241	238	Fraser Lake	Fraser Lake	4.7	4.3
187	155	Clarence Fulton	Vernon	5.7	5.9	247	199	Norkam	Kamloops	4.6	5.3
187	155	Howe Sound	Squamish	5.7	5.9	247	216	Rutland	Kelowna	4.6	5.0
187	172	Carson Graham	North Vancouver	5.7	5.7	249	166	W L Seaton	Vernon	4.5	5.8
187	172	Golden	Golden	5.7	5.7	249	192	Valemount	Valemount	4.5	5.4
187	199	Correlieu	Quesnel	5.7	5.3	249	199	Langley	Langley	4.5	5.3
187	204	Aldergrove Community	Aldergrove	5.7	5.2	249	224	North Island	Port McNeill	4.5	4.8
187	n/a	F.H. Collins	Whitehorse	5.7	n/a	249	n/a	Abbotsford Traditional	Abbotsford	4.5	n/a
197	145	Carihi	Campbell River	5.6	6.0	254	187	Prince Rupert	Prince Rupert	4.4	5.5
197	172	Hope	Hope	5.6	5.7	254	216	Spectrum	Victoria	4.4	5.0
197	172	Vernon	Vernon	5.6	5.7	254	232	A L Fortune	Enderby	4.4	4.5
197	192	Nakusp	Nakusp	5.6	5.4	257	236	Fort Nelson	Fort Nelson	4.3	4.4
197	204	Windermere	Vancouver	5.6	5.2	258	221	MacKenzie	Mackenzie	4.2	4.9
197	232	Sir Charles Tupper	Vancouver	5.6	4.5	258	248	Nechako Valley	Vanderhoof	4.2	3.9
197	n/a	Maxwell International	Shawnigan Lake	5.6	n/a	258	251	McBride	McBride	4.2	3.7
204	114	Revelstoke	Revelstoke	5.5	6.4	258	n/a	Salmo	Salmo	4.2	n/a
204	125	Wellington	Nanaimo	5.5	6.2	262	204	Chase	Chase	4.1	5.2
204	204	Charles Bloom	Lumby	5.5	5.2	262	224	Victoria High	Victoria	4.1	4.8
204	221	Quesnel	Quesnel	5.5	4.9	262	238	Charles Hays	Prince Rupert	4.1	4.3
204	n/a	Hudson's Hope	Hudson's Hope	5.5	n/a	262	242	Lake Cowichan	Lake Cowichan	4.1	4.2
209	120	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	5.4	6.3	262	n/a	Porter Creek	Whitehorse	4.1	n/a
209	187	Belmont	Victoria	5.4	5.5	267	204	Fraser Valley Adventist	Aldergrove	3.9	5.2
209	213	Westsyde	Kamloops	5.4	5.1	267	232	Port Hardy	Port Hardy	3.9	4.5
209	213	Woodlands	Nanaimo	5.4	5.1	267	255	Fort St James	Fort St James	3.9	3.1
209	230	Columnetza	Williams Lake	5.4	4.6	270	252	John Oliver	Vancouver	3.8	3.5

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2005/	Last 5			2005/	Last 5
2006	years			2006	years
271	236	Edward Milne	Sooke	3.7	4.4
272	248	John Barsby	Nanaimo	3.6	3.9
273	245	Lillooet	Lillooet	3.5	4.1
274	224	Cedar	Nanaimo	3.3	4.8
274	242	Ucluelet	Ucluelet	3.3	4.2
276	204	Logan Lake	Logan Lake	3.1	5.2
276	245	Williams Lake	Williams Lake	3.1	4.1
278	238	Hazelton	Hazelton	2.9	4.3
278	n/a	King's	Milner	2.9	n/a
280	247	Clearwater	Clearwater	2.8	4.0
280	256	Princeton	Princeton	2.8	2.9

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2005/	Last 5			2005/	Last 5
2006	years			2006	years
280	n/a	Heritage Christian Online	Kelowna	2.8	n/a
283	253	Ashcroft	Ashcroft	2.6	3.4
284	232	Tumbler Ridge	Tumbler Ridge	2.5	4.5
285	254	Barriere	Barriere	2.4	3.3
286	258	Nisga'a	New Aiyansh	1.0	0.8
286	n/a	Prespatou	Prespatou	1.0	n/a
288	n/a	Kumsheen	Lytton	0.7	n/a
289	257	Gold River	Gold River	0.0	2.4
289	259	George M Dawson	Masset	0.0	0.0
289	n/a	Watson Lake High	Watson Lake	0.0	n/a



Appendix 1: Calculating the Overall rating out of 10

The *Overall rating out of 10* is intended to answer the question, “In general, how is the school doing, academically?” The following is a simplified description of the procedure used to convert the raw indicator data into the *Overall rating out of 10*.

1 The *School vs exam mark difference* for each course and the English 12 and Mathematics 12 *Gender gap* indicators were calculated using the raw data.

2 Course by course, all the results were then converted into standardized or “Z” scores by solving the equation

$$Z = (X - \mu) / \sigma$$

where X is the individual school’s result, μ is the mean of the all-schools distribution of results, and σ is the standard deviation of the same all-schools distribution.

3 With the exception of the *Gender gap* indicators (these use the results from a single course), the course-by-course standardized data were then aggregated to produce weighted average indicator values. The weighting used was the number of examinations written in each course at the school relative to the total number of examinations written at the school.

4 These weighted average results were then re-standardized.

5 The nine standardized indicator results were then combined to produce a weighted average summary standardized score for the school. The weightings used in this calculation were *Average exam mark gr 12*—15%, *Average exam mark gr 10*—5%, *Percentage of exams failed*—20%, *School vs exam mark difference*—10%, *English 12 gender gap*—5%, *Math 12 gender gap*—5%, *Exams taken per student*—20%, *Graduation rate*—10%, and *Delayed advancement rate*—10%. For schools for which there were no gender-gap results because only boys or girls were enrolled, the *School vs exam mark difference* was weighted at 20%. Where no *Composite dropout rate* could be calculated, the *Graduation rate* was weighted at 20%.

6 This summary standardized score was then standardized.

(Note: In this edition of the *Report Card*, the *Sports participation rate* indicator was not used in the calculation of the *Overall rating*. It will contribute to the *Overall rating* in future editions.)

This standardized score was converted into an overall rating between 0 and 10 as follows:

7 The maximum and minimum standardized scores were set at 2.2 and –3.29 respectively. Scores equal to, or

greater than 2.2 receive the highest overall rating of 10. This cut-off was chosen because it allows more than one school in a given year to be awarded 10 out of 10. Scores of equal to, or less than, -3.29 receive the lowest overall rating of 0. Schools with scores below -3.29 are likely to be outliers—a statistical term used to denote members of a population that appear to have characteristics substantially different from the rest of the population. We chose, therefore, to set the minimum score so as to disregard such extreme differences.

- 8 The resulting standardized scores were converted into *Overall ratings* according to the formula:

$$OR = \mu + (\sigma * \text{StanScore}),$$

where *OR* is the resulting *Overall rating*, μ is the average calculated according to the formula:

$$\mu = (OR_{\min} - 10 (Z_{\min} / Z_{\max})) / (1 - (Z_{\min} / Z_{\max}))$$

where σ is the standard deviation calculated according to the formula:

$$\sigma = (10 - \mu) / Z_{\max}$$

and StanScore is the standardized score calculated in (6) above and adjusted as required for minimum and maximum values as noted in (7) above. As noted in (7) above, OR_{\min} equals zero, Z_{\min} equals -3.29; and Z_{\max} equals 2.2.

- 9 Finally, the derived *Overall rating* is rounded to one decimal place to reflect the significant number of places of the decimal in the original raw data.

Note that the *Overall rating out of 10*, based as it is on standardized scores, is a relative rating. That is, in order for a school to show improvement in its overall rating, it must improve more than the average. If it improves, but at a rate less than the average, it will show a decline in its rating.



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