



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 296) 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 2006/2007. 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; schools not located in British Columbia or Yukon; most on-line and distributed learning schools; 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	
	2006/2007	Last 5 years			2006/2007	Last 5 years
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	4	4	Southridge	Surrey	10.0	9.9
1	7	7	Vancouver College	Vancouver	10.0	9.7
6	4	4	Crofton House	Vancouver	9.6	9.9
6	7	7	St Michaels	Victoria	9.6	9.7
6	n/a	n/a	Meadowridge	Maple Ridge	9.6	n/a
9	6	6	West Point Grey	Vancouver	9.5	9.8
10	9	9	Brentwood College	Mill Bay	9.3	9.5
10	11	11	Shawnigan Lake	Shawnigan Lake	9.3	9.3
12	n/a	n/a	Mulgrave	West Vancouver	9.2	n/a
13	13	13	Collingwood	West Vancouver	9.1	9.1
14	10	10	University Hill	Vancouver	9.0	9.4
15	41	41	Immaculata	Kelowna	8.8	7.6
16	11	11	Glenlyon Norfolk	Victoria	8.7	9.3
16	19	19	St Thomas Aquinas	North Vancouver	8.7	8.4

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	2006/2007	Last 5 years			2006/2007	Last 5 years
16	27	27	St Thomas More	Burnaby	8.7	7.9
16	46	46	White Rock Christian	Surrey	8.7	7.5
20	15	15	Kelowna Christian	Kelowna	8.6	8.7
21	14	14	St Margaret's	Victoria	8.5	8.9
21	15	15	Pacific Academy	Surrey	8.5	8.7
23	15	15	Lord Byng	Vancouver	8.4	8.7
23	18	18	Prince Of Wales	Vancouver	8.4	8.6
23	24	24	Mennonite Educational Institute	Abbotsford	8.4	8.0
23	91	91	Bulkley Valley Christian	Smithers	8.4	6.8
27	32	32	Langley Fine Arts	Fort Langley	8.3	7.8
27	46	46	St John's	Vancouver	8.3	7.5
29	19	19	Sentinel	West Vancouver	8.2	8.4
29	32	32	Haney-Pitt Meadows Christian	Maple Ridge	8.2	7.8
29	41	41	Highroad	Chilliwack	8.2	7.6
29	n/a	n/a	Rockridge	West Vancouver	8.2	n/a
33	24	24	Handsworth	North Vancouver	8.1	8.0
33	41	41	Okanagan Mission	Kelowna	8.1	7.6

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33	n/a	Southpointe	Delta	8.1	n/a	90	62	South Kamloops	Kamloops	7.1	7.2
36	46	Rossland	Rossland	8.0	7.5	90	80	Princess Margaret	Surrey	7.1	7.0
36	73	Holy Cross	Surrey	8.0	7.1	90	91	Credo Christian	Langley	7.1	6.8
36	85	St Ann's	Kamloops	8.0	6.9	90	91	Fraser Valley Christian	Surrey	7.1	6.8
39	37	Kalamalka	Vernon	7.9	7.7	90	139	Chemainus	Chemainus	7.1	6.2
39	46	Steveston	Richmond	7.9	7.5	90	168	Osoyoos	Osoyoos	7.1	5.8
39	55	L V Rogers	Nelson	7.9	7.3	99	24	Mount Douglas	Victoria	7.0	8.0
39	n/a	King David	Vancouver	7.9	n/a	99	46	New Westminster	New Westminster	7.0	7.5
43	19	West Vancouver	West Vancouver	7.8	8.4	99	55	Elkford	Elkford	7.0	7.3
43	22	Point Grey	Vancouver	7.8	8.2	99	62	Argyle	North Vancouver	7.0	7.2
43	37	Richmond Christian	Richmond	7.8	7.7	99	62	Robert Bateman	Abbotsford	7.0	7.2
43	41	Pacific Christian	Victoria	7.8	7.6	99	73	Sa-Hali	Kamloops	7.0	7.1
43	62	Abbotsford Christian	Abbotsford	7.8	7.2	99	80	Fleetwood Park	Surrey	7.0	7.0
43	111	Kamloops Christian	Kamloops	7.8	6.6	99	111	Windsor	North Vancouver	7.0	6.6
49	23	Archbishop Carney	Port Coquitlam	7.7	8.1	99	118	South Delta	Delta	7.0	6.5
49	62	Campbell River Christian	Campbell River	7.7	7.2	99	128	Boundary Central	Midway	7.0	6.4
49	101	George Elliot	Winfield	7.7	6.7	99	146	Templeton	Vancouver	7.0	6.1
49	n/a	Heritage Woods	Port Moody	7.7	n/a	110	80	Dr. Charles Best	Coquitlam	6.9	7.0
53	27	St Andrew's	Victoria	7.6	7.9	110	85	Moscrop	Burnaby	6.9	6.9
53	46	Seycove	North Vancouver	7.6	7.5	110	n/a	Carver Christian	Burnaby	6.9	n/a
53	53	Whistler	Whistler	7.6	7.4	110	n/a	Cedars Christian	Prince George	6.9	n/a
53	101	R. E. Mountain	Langley	7.6	6.7	110	n/a	Vanier Catholic	Whitehorse	6.9	n/a
53	n/a	Mount Cheam Christian	Chilliwack	7.6	n/a	115	73	Earl Marriott	Surrey	6.8	7.1
58	27	Claremont	Victoria	7.5	7.9	115	91	Delta	Delta	6.8	6.8
58	32	Semiahmoo	Surrey	7.5	7.8	115	118	Walnut Grove	Langley	6.8	6.5
58	46	Fraser Heights	Surrey	7.5	7.5	115	128	Valleyview	Kamloops	6.8	6.4
58	62	Gleneagle	Coquitlam	7.5	7.2	115	132	Charles E London	Richmond	6.8	6.3
58	80	J Lloyd Crowe	Trail	7.5	7.0	120	62	Notre Dame	Vancouver	6.7	7.2
58	85	Stanley Humphries	Castlegar	7.5	6.9	120	73	Burnaby North	Burnaby	6.7	7.1
58	101	Robert Alexander McMath	Richmond	7.5	6.7	120	73	Penticton	Penticton	6.7	7.1
58	n/a	Regent Christian	Surrey	7.5	n/a	120	80	Johnston Heights	Surrey	6.7	7.0
66	32	Sir Winston Churchill	Vancouver	7.4	7.8	120	91	Clayton Heights	Surrey	6.7	6.8
66	62	Dover Bay	Nanaimo	7.4	7.2	120	n/a	Surrey Traditional	Surrey	6.7	n/a
66	73	J N Burnett	Richmond	7.4	7.1	126	118	Riverside	Port Coquitlam	6.6	6.5
66	101	Richmond	Richmond	7.4	6.7	126	132	Ballenas	Parksville	6.6	6.3
66	146	Similkameen	Keremeos	7.4	6.1	126	132	Chilliwack Christian	Chilliwack	6.6	6.3
71	27	Elgin Park	Surrey	7.3	7.9	126	132	St John Brebeuf	Abbotsford	6.6	6.3
71	32	Magee	Vancouver	7.3	7.8	126	132	Tamanawis	Surrey	6.6	6.3
71	37	Kitsilano	Vancouver	7.3	7.7	126	152	Hugh Boyd	Richmond	6.6	6.0
71	37	Pinetree	Coquitlam	7.3	7.7	126	158	Fernie	Fernie	6.6	5.9
71	55	Timothy Christian	Chilliwack	7.3	7.3	126	n/a	Robert Service	Dawson City	6.6	n/a
71	62	Port Moody	Port Moody	7.3	7.2	134	101	Sullivan Heights	Surrey	6.5	6.7
71	73	Kelowna	Kelowna	7.3	7.1	134	118	Burnaby Mountain	Burnaby	6.5	6.5
71	111	DW Poppy	Langley	7.3	6.6	134	128	Mission	Mission	6.5	6.4
71	111	Kwalikum	Qualicum Beach	7.3	6.6	134	132	David Thompson	Vancouver	6.5	6.3
71	118	Lambrick Park	Victoria	7.3	6.5	134	139	J V Humphries	Kaslo	6.5	6.2
71	n/a	Duncan Christian	Duncan	7.3	n/a	134	176	Reynolds	Victoria	6.5	5.7
82	41	St Patrick's	Vancouver	7.2	7.6	134	196	Frank Hurt	Surrey	6.5	5.4
82	53	Yale	Abbotsford	7.2	7.4	134	n/a	Princess Margaret	Penticton	6.5	n/a
82	55	Parkland	Sidney	7.2	7.3	142	55	Sparwood	Sparwood	6.4	7.3
82	55	Seaquam	Delta	7.2	7.3	142	101	Mount Boucherie	Kelowna	6.4	6.7
82	62	Langley Christian	Langley	7.2	7.2	142	111	Sardis	Chilliwack	6.4	6.6
82	85	Eric Hamber	Vancouver	7.2	6.9	142	139	Matthew McNair	Richmond	6.4	6.2
82	118	North Surrey	Surrey	7.2	6.5	146	101	Mount Sentinel	South Sloca	6.3	6.7
82	n/a	Maxwell International	Shawnigan Lake	7.2	n/a	146	101	Prince Charles	Creston	6.3	6.7
90	27	Hugh McRoberts	Richmond	7.1	7.9	146	118	Burnaby Central	Burnaby	6.3	6.5
90	55	W J Mouat	Abbotsford	7.1	7.3	146	118	Cambie	Richmond	6.3	6.5
90	62	Oak Bay	Victoria	7.1	7.2	146	146	Rick Hansen	Abbotsford	6.3	6.1

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146	196	Windermere	Vancouver	6.3	5.4	204	211	Norkam	Kamloops	5.6	5.2
146	202	Charles Bloom	Lumby	6.3	5.3	204	217	Rutland	Kelowna	5.6	5.1
146	202	MacKenzie	Mackenzie	6.3	5.3	204	239	Pemberton	Pemberton	5.6	4.5
146	n/a	Nanaimo Christian	Nanaimo	6.3	n/a	211	139	Revelstoke	Revelstoke	5.5	6.2
155	85	Frances Kelsey	Mill Bay	6.2	6.9	211	146	Wellington	Nanaimo	5.5	6.1
155	91	Highland	Comox	6.2	6.8	211	158	D P Todd	Prince George	5.5	5.9
155	91	Stelly's	Saanichton	6.2	6.8	211	186	Garibaldi	Maple Ridge	5.5	5.5
155	111	Lord Tweedsmuir	Surrey	6.2	6.6	211	186	Gladstone	Vancouver	5.5	5.5
155	118	Killarney	Vancouver	6.2	6.5	211	222	Lakes District	Burns Lake	5.5	4.9
155	139	Westview	Maple Ridge	6.2	6.2	217	182	Vernon	Vernon	5.4	5.6
155	152	R C Palmer	Richmond	6.2	6.0	217	196	Alpha	Burnaby	5.4	5.4
155	158	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	6.2	5.9	217	196	Langley	Langley	5.4	5.4
155	158	Salmon Arm	Salmon Arm	6.2	5.9	217	211	Chetwynd	Chetwynd	5.4	5.2
155	176	Thomas Haney	Maple Ridge	6.2	5.7	221	168	Vancouver Technical	Vancouver	5.3	5.8
155	186	Valemount	Valemount	6.2	5.5	221	186	Caledonia	Terrace	5.3	5.5
155	202	Westsyde	Kamloops	6.2	5.3	221	196	Agassiz	Agassiz	5.3	5.4
155	n/a	Delview	Delta	6.2	n/a	221	227	Nanaimo District	Nanaimo	5.3	4.8
155	n/a	Hudson's Hope	Hudson's Hope	6.2	n/a	225	118	Kwantlen Park	Surrey	5.2	6.5
155	n/a	Okanagan Adventist	Kelowna	6.2	n/a	225	132	Chatelech	Sechelt	5.2	6.3
155	n/a	Sands	Delta	6.2	n/a	225	146	David Thompson	Invermere	5.2	6.1
171	91	Centennial	Coquitlam	6.1	6.8	225	168	Howe Sound	Squamish	5.2	5.8
171	91	Summerland	Summerland	6.1	6.8	225	186	W L Seaton	Vernon	5.2	5.5
171	101	Houston	Houston	6.1	6.7	225	232	A L Fortune	Enderby	5.2	4.6
171	158	Clarence Fulton	Vernon	6.1	5.9	225	232	Fraser Lake	Fraser Lake	5.2	4.6
171	158	Elphinstone	Gibsons	6.1	5.9	232	158	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	5.1	5.9
171	168	Hope	Hope	6.1	5.8	232	186	Brooks	Powell River	5.1	5.5
171	186	Brocklehurst	Kamloops	6.1	5.5	232	211	Correlieu	Quesnel	5.1	5.2
171	n/a	Mark R. Isfeld	Courtenay	6.1	n/a	235	158	North Peace	Fort St John	5.0	5.9
179	85	Gulf Islands	Salt Spring Island	6.0	6.9	235	176	Selkirk	Kimberley	5.0	5.7
179	111	Enver Creek	Surrey	6.0	6.6	235	182	L A Matheson	Surrey	5.0	5.6
179	128	Terry Fox	Port Coquitlam	6.0	6.4	235	186	North Delta	Delta	5.0	5.5
179	158	Timberline	Campbell River	6.0	5.9	235	222	Victoria High	Victoria	5.0	4.9
179	168	Mount Baker	Cranbrook	6.0	5.8	235	249	Clearwater	Clearwater	5.0	4.0
179	168	Pleasant Valley	Armstrong	6.0	5.8	241	217	Prince George	Prince George	4.9	5.1
179	176	Golden	Golden	6.0	5.7	241	232	Eagle River	Sicamous	4.9	4.6
179	202	Chilliwack	Chilliwack	6.0	5.3	241	n/a	Samuel Robertson	Maple Ridge	4.9	n/a
179	n/a	Burnsview	Delta	6.0	n/a	244	152	Pender Harbour	Madeira Park	4.8	6.0
179	n/a	Heritage Christian	Kelowna	6.0	n/a	244	176	Nakusp	Nakusp	4.8	5.7
179	n/a	Queen Charlotte	Queen Charlotte	6.0	n/a	244	176	Peter Skene Ogden	100 Mile House	4.8	5.7
190	101	Sutherland	North Vancouver	5.9	6.7	244	202	Kelly Road	Prince George	4.8	5.3
190	146	Burnaby South	Burnaby	5.9	6.1	244	202	Merritt	Merritt	4.8	5.3
190	182	Belmont	Victoria	5.9	5.6	244	221	King George	Vancouver	4.8	5.0
190	202	South Peace	Dawson Creek	5.9	5.3	244	232	Columneetza	Williams Lake	4.8	4.6
190	239	Ucluelet	Ucluelet	5.9	4.5	244	245	Williams Lake	Williams Lake	4.8	4.1
190	n/a	Abbotsford Traditional	Abbotsford	5.9	n/a	252	186	Cariboo Hill	Burnaby	4.7	5.5
196	91	Brookwood	Langley	5.8	6.8	252	186	Carson Graham	North Vancouver	4.7	5.5
196	139	Cowichan	Duncan	5.8	6.2	252	202	Alberni District	Port Alberni	4.7	5.3
196	152	Duchess Park	Prince George	5.8	6.0	252	211	Chase	Chase	4.7	5.2
196	168	Georges P Vanier	Courtenay	5.8	5.8	252	232	Sir Charles Tupper	Vancouver	4.7	4.6
200	139	Pitt Meadows	Pitt Meadows	5.7	6.2	257	202	Hatzic	Mission	4.6	5.3
200	152	Smithers	Smithers	5.7	6.0	257	255	John Oliver	Vancouver	4.6	3.7
200	211	Logan Lake	Logan Lake	5.7	5.2	259	222	Woodlands	Nanaimo	4.4	4.9
200	n/a	F.H. Collins	Whitehorse	5.7	n/a	259	227	Quesnel	Quesnel	4.4	4.8
204	152	Carihi	Campbell River	5.6	6.0	259	227	Spectrum	Victoria	4.4	4.8
204	158	Southern Okanagan	Oliver	5.6	5.9	259	245	Nechako Valley	Vanderhoof	4.4	4.1
204	168	Esquimalt	Victoria	5.6	5.8	263	227	Abbotsford	Abbotsford	4.3	4.8
204	182	Guildford Park	Surrey	5.6	5.6	263	239	Mount Elizabeth	Kitimat	4.3	4.5

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263	250	John Barsby	Nanaimo	4.3	3.9	281	257	Lake Cowichan	Lake Cowichan	3.6	3.6
263	n/a	David Stoddart	Clinton	4.3	n/a	283	232	Britannia	Vancouver	3.5	4.6
267	211	Aldergrove Community	Aldergrove	4.2	5.2	283	232	North Island	Port McNeill	3.5	4.6
267	n/a	Byrne Creek	Burnaby	4.2	n/a	285	245	Charles Hays	Prince Rupert	3.3	4.1
269	222	College Heights	Prince George	4.1	4.9	285	245	Port Hardy	Port Hardy	3.3	4.1
269	222	Prince Rupert	Prince Rupert	4.1	4.9	285	260	Fort St James	Fort St James	3.3	3.2
269	250	McBride	McBride	4.1	3.9	288	261	Barriere	Barriere	3.0	2.8
272	196	Ladysmith	Ladysmith	4.0	5.4	289	250	Fort Nelson	Fort Nelson	2.8	3.9
272	217	H D Stafford	Langley	4.0	5.1	290	255	Lillooet	Lillooet	2.4	3.7
272	n/a	Porter Creek	Whitehorse	4.0	n/a	291	254	Hazelton	Hazelton	2.3	3.8
272	n/a	Salmo	Salmo	4.0	n/a	291	259	Princeton	Princeton	2.3	3.3
276	243	Edward Milne	Sooke	3.9	4.4	293	250	Tumbler Ridge	Tumbler Ridge	1.9	3.9
277	217	Heritage Park	Mission	3.8	5.1	294	262	Gold River	Gold River	1.6	2.6
278	227	Fraser Valley Adventist	Aldergrove	3.7	4.8	295	n/a	Bella Bella	Waglisla	1.2	n/a
278	239	Cedar	Nanaimo	3.7	4.5	296	263	Nisga'a	New Aiyansh	0.0	0.6
278	258	Ashcroft	Ashcroft	3.7	3.4	296	264	George M Dawson	Masset	0.0	0.0
281	243	Queen Elizabeth	Surrey	3.6	4.4	296	n/a	Kumsheen	Lytton	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 compared to other schools in the province?” 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 10 and Mathematics 10 *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 seven 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*—25%, *Percentage of exams failed*—25%, *School vs exam mark difference*—13%, *English 10 gender gap*—6%, *Math 10 gender gap*—6%, *Graduation rate*—12.5%, and *Delayed advancement rate*—12.5%. 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 25%. Where no *Composite dropout rate* could be calculated, the *Graduation rate* was weighted at 25%.

6 This summary standardized score was then standardized.

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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