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Fraser Institute ranks 253 B.C. secondary schools in annual Report Card

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VANCOUVER—The Fraser Institute today released its *Report Card on British Columbia’s Secondary Schools*, the most easily accessible tool for parents to compare the academic performance of their children’s schools.

This year’s Report Card ranks 253 public and independent secondary schools based on seven academic indicators using student results from annual provincewide exams, grade-to-grade transition rates, and graduation rates.

Of the top 50 schools in the ranking, 27 are independent schools and 23 are public schools, located in 26 different cities and towns across the province including Gibsons, Revelstoke, Courtenay, Summerland, Kamloops and Trail.

“All too often, we hear excuses that public schools can’t compete with independent schools because of the communities and students that they serve, but that’s just not true—every school can improve and strive to rank higher than the year before,” said Peter Cowley, director of school performance studies at the Fraser Institute.

This year, 34 schools showed statistically significant declines in performance over the past four years, and an equal number showed statistically significant improvement.

Notably, of the top 10 fastest-improving schools—regardless of rank—six are located outside the Lower Mainland in Kitimat, Princeton, Prince Rupert, Trail, Terrace and Kamloops. Only one of the top10 fastest-improvers is in Vancouver.

“This Report Card proves that improvement is possible in every corner of the province, in every type of school serving every type of student,” Cowley said.

“Parents should use this Report Card every year to assess how their child’s school is doing, and when necessary, ask the principal how he or she plans to turn things around.”

For the complete results on all ranked schools, and to easily compare the performance of different schools, visit www.compareschoolrankings.org.

10 fastest-improving secondary schools in B.C. (fastest at the top)

School	Location	Overall rating in 2013 (out of 10)	Overall rating in 2017 (out of 10)
GW Graham	Chilliwack	4.4	8
Mount Elizabeth	Kitimat	3.5	5.7
Princeton	Princeton	3.4	5.5
Charles Hays	Prince Rupert	3.7	6
J Lloyd Crowe	Trail	5.5	7.5
Caledonia	Terrace	3.9	5.9
Seaquam	Delta	6.2	8.4
South Kamloops	Kamloops	4.8	7
Johnston Heights	Surrey	5.2	7.4
Stratford Hall	Vancouver	8	9.3

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