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**International Education Survey  
of Member Schools within**



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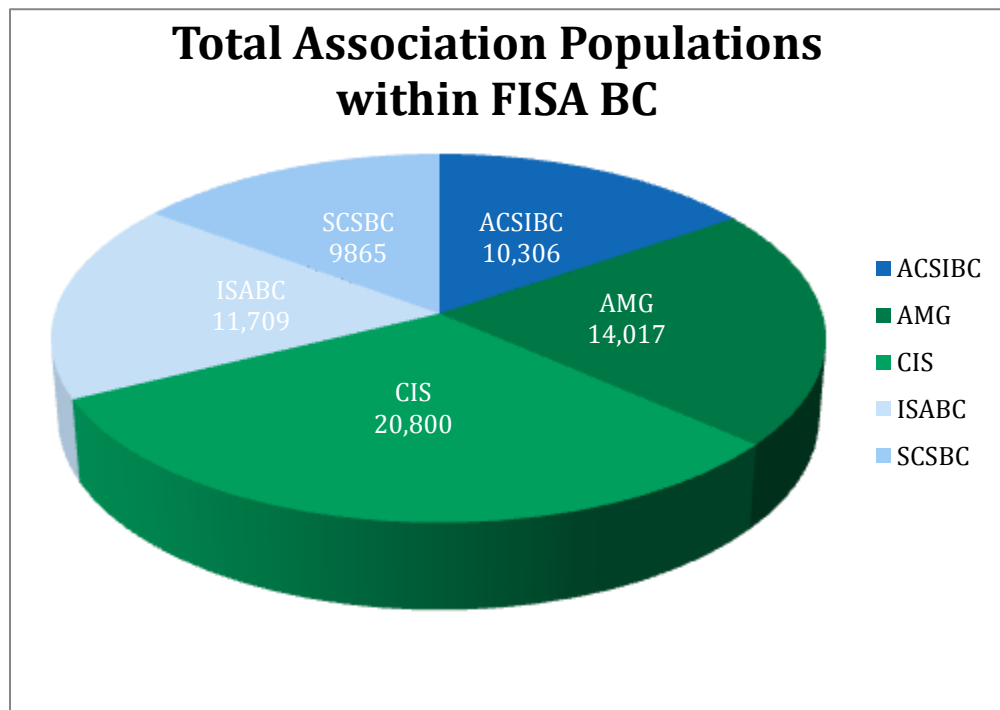
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## A. INTRODUCTION

The Federation of Independent School Associations in British Columbia (FISA BC) is a voluntary organization of 288 independent schools serving approximately 67,000 of the 623,000 K-12 students of British Columbia, or 10.6% of BC's grade school population. FISA BC is comprised of five separate member associations, the Catholic Independent Schools (20,800) whose purpose is to inculcate justice, compassion and biblical principles as a lifestyle; the Independent Schools Association of BC (11,709) which focuses on academic excellence, leadership skills, and global citizenship; the Association of Christian Schools International in BC (10,306) and the Society of Christian Schools in BC (9,865) which emphasize Christian living and service; and the Associated Member Group (14,017) which consists of a variety of schools or school associations that are too small to be individual member groups of FISA BC.

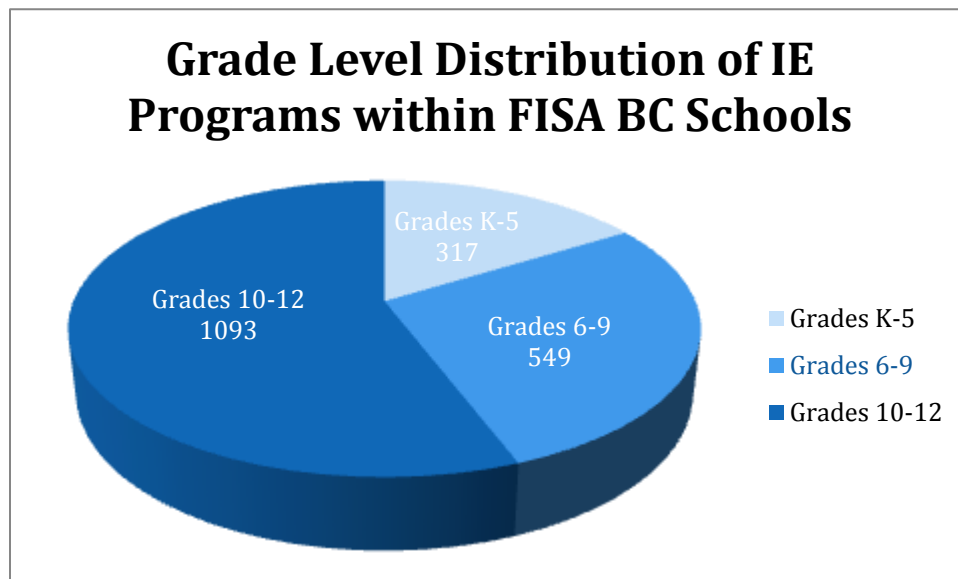


## B. PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND DATA COLLECTION PROCESS

The purpose of this survey on International Education (IE) was to determine how many International students BC independent schools are currently serving, and how many additional International students might be added to school enrolments over the next three years. The survey responses were collected electronically. All independent schools in the province, even if they did not belong to FISA BC, were notified of the survey and requested to participate on line.

## C. SUMMARY OF SURVEY RESULTS

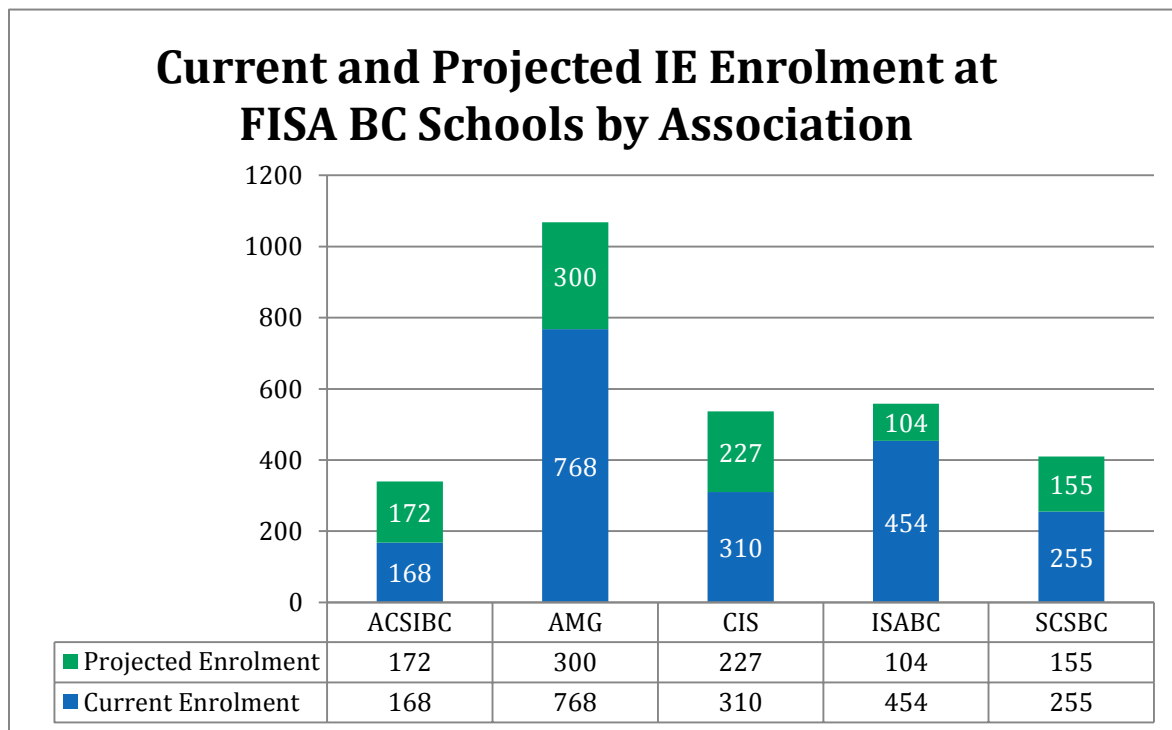
Responses were received from 119 schools, and the presumption was made that if schools did not respond to the survey, they probably did not offer an IE program. Of the 119 schools that responded, 62 schools indicated that they currently offer an IE program, and 21 schools expressed an intention to offer an IE program in the coming three years though they did not have one at the present time. Half of the schools that currently offer IE programs have fewer than 10 students, 8 schools have 10-20 students, 3 schools have 20-30 students, and 16 schools have more than 30 students. The largest school exists primarily to serve IE students and enrolls 411 students. FISA BC schools currently enrol 317 elementary students (K-Gr. 5), 549 middle school students (Gr. 6-9), and 1093 secondary students (Gr. 10-12) in International Programs, for a total of 1959 students. (See Appendix A for specific information about each school's IE current and projected enrolment.)



The enrolment in IE programs at independent schools is expected to increase by 963 seats within the next three years, an increase of close to 50%. Schools reported their intention to add IE students at every grade level from Grade 3 to Grade 12, with the largest increases anticipated at middle school levels. Several schools are projecting a very optimistic increase in IE students of up to 30-50 students, while others plan to add fewer than 5 additional students to their programs. One online school currently registers 60 International students, and is expecting to increase by an additional 100 IE students in the coming years. All the other schools offer their programs in physical buildings, and are projecting considerably smaller growth in numbers.

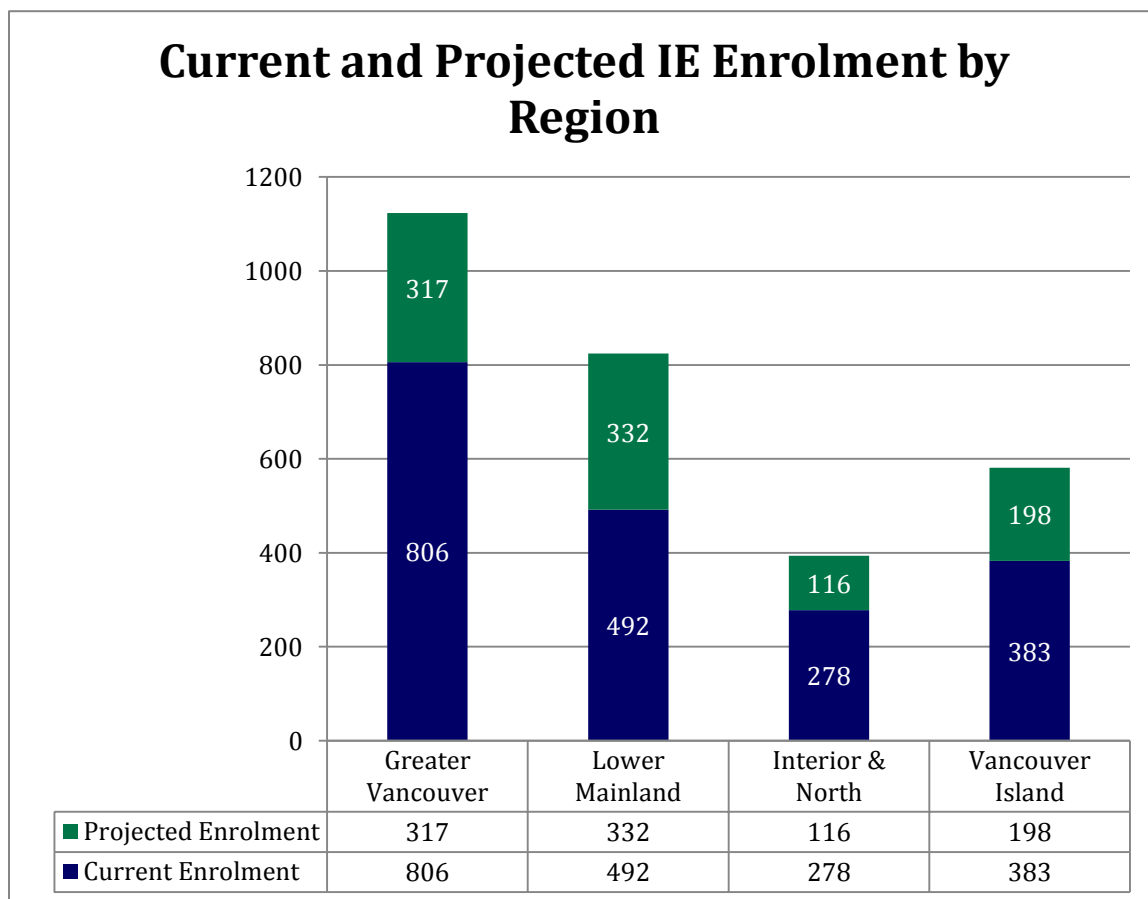
Of the schools who are currently offering IE programs or planning to offer them in the near future, the table and graph below identify the current and projected IE enrolments in FISA BC schools according to association affiliation. (See Appendix A for specific information about each school's current and projected enrolment.)

Association	Number of Schools	Current IE Students	Projected Growth	Total IE Students 2015
ACSIBC	11	168	172	340
AMG	12	768	300	1068
CIS	31	310	227	537
ISABC	9	454	104	558
SCSBC	17	255	155	410
Non-FISA School	1	4	5	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>2922</b>



The following table and graph show the same information according to region of the province.

Region	Current IE Students	Projected Growth	Total IE Students 2015
Vancouver & Area	806	317	1123
Lower Mainland	492	332	824
Interior & North	278	116	394
Vancouver Island	383	198	581
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>2922</b>



Specific ESL instruction is offered by 32 schools, or just over half of the 62 schools currently offering IE programs, while 97% of the schools report that students are integrated into the regular academic program within 3 months of beginning the IE program.

Twenty (20) schools indicated that their IE programs have been in existence for 5 years or less; 23 schools have been operating an IE program for 6-10 years; and 19 schools have sustained an IE program for longer than 10 years. An additional 21 schools wish to begin an IE program in the very near future, or are presently in the process of establishing one.

Tuitions vary widely for IE programs. Almost 75% of the schools charge IE students an annual tuition ranging from \$10,000-\$15,000. Only two schools charge less than \$5000 tuition, while nine schools charge from \$5000-\$10,000. Three schools charge between \$15,000-\$20,000, and 4 schools charge over \$20,000 annual tuition.

Only three schools offering IE programs supply their students with board and room on campus. However, 40 schools offer home-stay programs organized either by the school or by a private organization. An additional 33 schools require parents to make their own housing arrangements. The remaining 7 schools offer a choice of several of the above options.

Most schools report that 100% of their IE students graduate with a Dogwood certificate. Of these graduates, approximately 25% attend universities in Canada and 10% attend universities outside of Canada, while 25% attend community or private colleges in Canada or the USA. Of the remainder, it is difficult to predict their ultimate destinations, as many return to their home countries to pursue post-secondary education, or take a year or two after high school to improve their English before entering a post-secondary program. The survey did not ask schools to provide long range tracking of their IE graduates.

Some prominent post-secondary institutions at which FISA BC school IE graduates have been accepted are Brown, Cornell, McGill and Queens. University of the Fraser Valley, Simon Fraser University, and University of British Columbia are common destinations for BC IE graduates.

Most independent schools reported that the largest numbers of their IE students come from Korea, followed by Japan, Taiwan, Mexico, and China. Other common source countries are USA, Russia, and Germany. Other countries which supply students to FISA BC IE programs include Vietnam, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Thailand, Ukraine, Switzerland, Singapore, Indonesia, Belgium, Congo, Poland, Iran, Kuwait, Iceland, Brazil, France, Spain, Australia, Ethiopia, Philippines, Chile, Slovenia, Italy, England, India, New Zealand, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, and Netherlands.

Fourteen (14) independent schools that currently have IE programs indicated that they have a partnership with a school outside of Canada or the US. Forty-six (46) independent schools indicated a willingness to form a partnership with a school in China. Forty-nine (49) schools were prepared to consider forming a partnership with a school in a country other than China. Thirty-four (34) schools reported themselves willing to offer a course in Mandarin, while all 83 schools responded positively to the idea of offering a course in Chinese culture. (See details for specific schools in Appendix B.)

## **D. CONCLUSION**

Sixty-three of the independent schools in British Columbia currently have International Education programs, and twenty-one additional schools are working towards offering IE programs within the coming three years. Independent schools in British Columbia are currently offering an education leading to a BC Dogwood certificate to 1959 International students, and are projecting growth of approximately 50% in those programs over the next three years. A significant number of schools are interested in forming partnerships with schools overseas, in both China and other countries, and would consider offering language and culture courses as part of their course offerings. Graduation success rates in the existing programs are very high, at or approaching 100% in most schools, and graduates of these programs who choose to pursue post-secondary education are competitive in their efforts to obtain entrance to Canadian and American universities and colleges.



**APPENDIX A: SCHOOLS WITH IE PROGRAMS BY REGION AND ASSOCIATION**

School Name	Address	Region	Assoc.	Gr.	IE K-5	IE 6-9	IE 10-12	IE Added within 3 Yr.
Heritage Christian	Kelowna	Int./N.	ACSIBC	K-12	3	2	3	15
Kelowna Christian	Kelowna	Int./N.	ACSIBC	K-12	4	0	0	15
Kelowna Christian	Kelowna	Int./N.	ACSIBC	K-12				3
Maranatha Christian	Williams Lk	Int./N.	ACSIBC	K-12				5
North Cariboo Chr.	Quesnel	Int./N.	ACSIBC	K-9				4
CHEK ABC DL School	Nelson	Int./N.	AMG	K-12				
Vedanta Academy	Kelowna	Int./N.	AMG	P-12	32	31	29	5
Assumption School	Powell River	Int./N.	CIS	P-9	1	1	0	10
Holy Cross School	Penticton	Int./N.	CIS	K-8	95	56		5
Immaculata Reg High	Kelowna	Int./N.	CIS	8-12			3	15
Our Lady of Lourdes	W. Kelowna	Int./N.	CIS	K-7	1			3
St. Ann's Academy	Kamloops	Int./N.	CIS	K-12		5	6	20
St. Joseph School	Kelowna	Int./N.	CIS	K-7				4
St. Mary's School	Pr. George	Int./N.	CIS	K-7		1		3
Bulkley Valley Chr.	Smithers	Int./N.	SCSBC	P-12			2	2
Penticton Comm Chr	Penticton	Int./N.	SCSBC	K-12	0	0	1	5
Highroad Academy	Chilliwack	L. Mid	ACSIBC	K-12	5	13	7	20
MEI	Abbotsford	L. Mid	ACSIBC	K-12	10	13	36	150
Pacific Academy	Surrey	L. Mid	ACSIBC	K-12	0	13	25	0
St. Patrick's School	Maple Ridge	L. Mid	ACSIBC	K-7	0	0	0	
BC Online School	Surrey	L. Mid	AMG	10/12	0	0	60	100
Fraser Valley Elem	Langley	L. Mid	AMG	K-3	35	0	0	5
Sikh Academy	Surrey	L. Mid	AMG	K-7	0	0	0	10
Archbishop Carney Se	Pt Coquitlam	L. Mid	CIS	8-12	0	0	10	20
Holy Cross Reg High	Surrey	L. Mid	CIS	8-12	0	3	1	6
Immac. Conception	Delta	L. Mid	CIS	K-7	0	0	0	4
OLGC	Surrey	L. Mid	CIS	K-7	0	0	0	2
Our Lady / Assumption	Pt Coquitlam	L. Mid	CIS	K-7	0	0	0	5
Sacred Heart Delta	Delta	L. Mid	CIS	K-7	8	8	0	15
St. Catherine's	Langley	L. Mid	CIS	K-7	0	1	0	2
St. James School	Abbotsford	L. Mid	CIS	K-7	4	8	0	
St. John Brebeuf	Abbotsford	L. Mid	CIS	8-12	0	6	19	
St. Mary's	Chilliwack	L. Mid	CIS	K-7	4	6	0	2
Meadowridge School	Maple Ridge	L. Mid	ISABC	K-12	0	0	0	20
Southpointe Academy	Tsawwassen	L. Mid	ISABC	8-12	0	0	13	30
Hope Lutheran Christn	Pt Coquitlam	L. Mid	NonFISA	K-10	1	2	1	5
Agassiz Christian	Agassiz	L. Mid	SCSBC	PS-7	0	0	0	8
Delta Christian School	Delta	L. Mid	SCSBC	K-8	70	45	0	3
Langley Christian	Langley	L. Mid	SCSBC	K-12	4	5	5	10
Maple Ridge Christian	Maple Ridge	L. Mid	SCSBC	K-12	1	1	4	5

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Surrey Christian Sch.	Surrey	L. Mid	SCSBC	P-12	6	16	26	30
Unity Christian School	Chilliwack	L. Mid	SCSBC	K-12	0	1	2	5
White Rock Christian	Surrey	L. Mid	SCSBC	K-12	0	0	8	25
Comox Valley Chr.	Comox	V. Isl.	ACSIBC	K-12	0	34	0	80
Dwight International	ShawniganLk	V. Isl.	AMG	6-12	0	50	80	40
Morning Glory School	QualicumBch	V. Isl.	AMG	K-8	0	0	0	2
Selkirk Montessori	Victoria	V. Isl.	AMG	PS-8	0	0	0	
Sunrise Waldorf	Duncan	V. Isl.	AMG	K-8	0	2		8
St. Andrew's Elem	Victoria	V. Isl.	CIS	K-7	0	1	0	15
St. Andrew's Reg High	Victoria	V. Isl.	CIS	8-12	0	7	8	10
St. Joseph's School	Chemainus	V. Isl.	CIS	K-7	0	0	0	4
Island Pacific School	Bowen Island	V. Isl.	ISABC	6-9	0	1	0	4
Queen Margaret's	Duncan	V. Isl.	ISABC	K-12	0	11	48	10
Shawnigan Lake Sch.	ShawniganLk	V. Isl.	ISABC	8-12	0	27	77	0
St Michaels University	Victoria	V. Isl.	ISABC	K-12	1	34	114	0
Duncan Christian	Duncan	V. Isl.	SCSBC	4-12	4	7	0	5
Nanaimo Christian	Nanaimo	V. Isl.	SCSBC	6-12	0	1	3	35
Pacific Christian	Victoria	V. Isl.	SCSBC	K-12	9	12	15	15
Bodwell High School	N. Vanc.	Vanc	AMG	8-12	0	50	361	60
Columbia College	Vancouver	Vanc	AMG	11/12	0	0	41	15
Vancouver Formosa	Vancouver	Vanc	AMG	7-12	0	5	16	100
Westside Preparatory	Vancouver	Vanc	AMG	K-12	3	3	5	50
Notre Dame Reg Sec	Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	8-12	0	1	4	9
Our Lady of Perp. Help	Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	K-7	5	3		10
St. Anthony of Padua	Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	K-7	2	0	0	10
St. Francis de Sales	Burnaby	Vanc	CIS	PS-7	0	1	0	3
St. Helens	Burnaby	Vanc	CIS	K-7	2	6	0	10
St. Joseph's	Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	K-7	0	0	0	3
St. Jude School	Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	K-7	3	2	0	
St. Mary's	Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	K-7	0	0	0	5
St. Michael's	Burnaby	Vanc	CIS	K-7	1	0	0	5
St. Patrick Reg Sec	Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	8-12	0	2	6	20
St. Thomas Aquinas	N Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	8-12	0	2	2	5
Vancouver College	Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	K-12	0	2	3	2
St. George's School	Vancouver	Vanc	ISABC	1-12	0	45	45	35
Stratford Hall	Vancouver	Vanc	ISABC	K-12	0	1	2	0
Carver Christian High	Burnaby	Vanc	SCSBC	8-12.	0	0	0	15
John Knox Christian	Burnaby	Vanc	SCSBC	K-7	1	1	0	0
St. Edmund's Elem	N Vancouver	Vanc	SCSBC	K-7	1	1	0	5
Westside Christian	Vancouver	Vanc	SCSBC	K-9	1	0	0	5

**APPENDIX B: PARTNERSHIPS AND LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASSES**

School Name	Address	Region	Assoc.	Will partner with China	Will partner with other country	Will offer Mandarin	Will offer Chinese Culture
Bodwell High School	N Vancouver	Vanc	AMG				
Columbia College	Vancouver	Vanc	AMG	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vancouver Formosa	Vancouver	Vanc	AMG	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Westside Preparatory	Vancouver	Vanc	AMG	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Notre Dame Reg Sec	Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	Yes	Yes	No	No
Our Lady of Perp. Help	Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	Yes	Yes	No	No
St. Anthony of Padua	Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
St. Francis de Sales	Burnaby	Vanc	CIS	No	No	No	No
St. Helens	Burnaby	Vanc	CIS	No	No	No	No
St. Joseph's	Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	Yes	Yes		
St. Jude School	Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	Yes	No	No	No
St. Mary's	Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	Yes	Yes	No	No
St. Michael's	Burnaby	Vanc	CIS	Yes	Yes	No	No
St. Patrick Reg Sec	Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	Yes	Yes	No	No
St. Thomas Aquinas	N Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	No	No	No	No
Vancouver College	Vancouver	Vanc	CIS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
St. George's School	Vancouver	Vanc	ISABC	No	Yes	Yes	No
Stratford Hall	Vancouver	Vanc	ISABC	No	No	Yes	Yes
Carver Christian High	Burnaby	Vanc	SCSBC				
John Knox Christian	Burnaby	Vanc	SCSBC	No	No	No	No
St. Edmund's Elem	N Vancouver	Vanc	SCSBC	Yes	Yes	No	No
Westside Christian	Vancouver	Vanc	SCSBC	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Comox Valley Chr.	Comox	V. Isl.	ACSIBC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dwight International	ShawniganLk	V. Isl.	AMG				
Morning Glory School	QualicumBch	V. Isl.	AMG	No	No	No	Yes
Selkirk Montessori	Victoria	V. Isl.	AMG	No	No	Yes	Yes
Sunrise Waldorf	Duncan	V. Isl.	AMG	Yes	Yes	No	No
St. Andrew's Elem	Victoria	V. Isl.	CIS	Yes	Yes	No	No
St. Andrew's Reg High	Victoria	V. Isl.	CIS				
St. Joseph's School	Chemainus	V. Isl.	CIS				
Island Pacific School	Bowen Island	V. Isl.	ISABC	Yes	Yes	No	No
Queen Margaret's	Duncan	V. Isl.	ISABC				
Shawnigan Lake Sch.	ShawniganLk	V. Isl.	ISABC				
St Michaels University	Vlctoria	V. Isl.	ISABC	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Duncan Christian	Duncan	V. Isl.	SCSBC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nanaimo Christian	Nanaimo	V. Isl.	SCSBC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pacific Christian	Victoria	V. Isl.	SCSBC				

School Name	Address	Region	Assoc.	Will partner with China	Will partner w/ other country	Will offer Mandarin	Will offer Chinese Culture
MEI	Abbotsford	L. Mid	ACSIBC	No	No	Yes	Yes
Pacific Academy	Surrey	L. Mid	ACSIBC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
St. Patrick's School	Maple Ridge	L. Mid	ACSIBC				
BC Online School	Surrey	L. Mid	AMG	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fraser Valley Elem.	Langley	L. Mid	AMG	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sikh Academy	Surrey	L. Mid	AMG	No	Yes	No	No
Archbishop Carney S	Pt Coquitlam	L. Mid	CIS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Holy Cross Reg High	Surrey	L. Mid	CIS				
Immac. Conception	Delta	L. Mid	CIS	No	No	No	No
OLGC	Surrey	L. Mid	CIS	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Our Lady / Assumption	Pt Coquitlam	L. Mid	CIS	Yes	Yes	No	No
Sacred Heart Delta	Delta	L. Mid	CIS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
St. Catherine's	Langley	L. Mid	CIS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
St. James School	Abbotsford	L. Mid	CIS	No	No	No	No
St. John Brebeuf	Abbotsford	L. Mid	CIS	No	No	Yes	Yes
St. Mary's	Chilliwack	L. Mid	CIS	No	No	No	No
Meadowridge School	Maple Ridge	L. Mid	ISABC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Southpointe Academy	Tsawwassen	L. Mid	ISABC	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hope Lutheran Christn	Pt Coquitlam	L. Mid	NonFISA	No	No	No	No
Agassiz Christian	Agassiz	L. Mid	SCSBC	Yes	Yes	No	No
Delta Christian School	Delta	L. Mid	SCSBC				
Langley Christian	Langley	L. Mid	SCSBC	Yes	No	No	No
Maple Ridge Christian	Maple Ridge	L. Mid	SCSBC	No	No	No	No
Surrey Christian Sch.	Surrey	L. Mid	SCSBC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Unity Christian School	Chilliwack	L. Mid	SCSBC	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
White Rock Christian	Surrey	L. Mid	SCSBC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Heritage Christian	Kelowna	Int./N.	ACSIBC	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Heritage Christian	Kelowna	Int./N.	ACSIBC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kelowna Christian	Kelowna	Int./N.	ACSIBC	Yes	Yes	No	No
Kelowna Christian	Kelowna	Int./N.	ACSIBC				
Maranatha Christian	Williams Lk	Int./N.	ACSIBC	No	Yes	No	No
North Cariboo Chr.	Quesnel	Int./N.	ACSIBC				
CHEK ABC DL School	Nelson	Int./N.	AMG	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vedanta Academy	Kelowna	Int./N.	AMG	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Assumption School	Powell River	Int./N.	CIS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Holy Cross School	Penticton	Int./N.	CIS				
Immaculata Reg High	Kelowna	Int./N.	CIS				
Our Lady of Lourdes	W. Kelowna	Int./N.	CIS	Yes	Yes	No	No
St. Ann's Academy	Kamloops	Int./N.	CIS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
St. Joseph School	Kelowna	Int./N.	CIS	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
St. Mary's School	Pr. George	Int./N.	CIS	Yes	Yes	No	No
Bulkley Valley Chr.	Smithers	Int./N.	SCSBC				
Bulkley Valley Chr.	Smithers	Int./N.	SCSBC	No	Yes	No	No
Penticton Comm Chr	Penticton	Int./N.	SCSBC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes