



Let Every Child Shine: A Comprehensive Guide to Canada Star Secondary School

Welcome to Canada Star Secondary School

Located in the vibrant, safe, and multicultural centre of Richmond, British Columbia, CSSS is an elite private high school for grades 10 through 12. Here, we believe that achieving top-tier academic results, from Stanford and New York University acceptances to global STEM champions, do not happen by chance. They are the collective efforts of our educators, parents, and community; each dedicating time to understand every single student's strengths, weaknesses, and ambitions.

We believe that once a student is fully understood at their most fundamental level, we are able to unlock their full potential. Our graduates have successfully matriculated into world-renowned institutions like Stanford University, New York University (NYU), University of British Columbia, and University of Toronto.

1. Who We Are

Officially registered and certified by the BC Ministry of Education, CSSS accepts students from across Canada and the globe. We provide the complete BC high school curriculum alongside a robust Advanced Placement (AP) Program.

We operate on the fundamental philosophy of holistic education. By relying on quality academic support, personalized learning paths, and comprehensive guidance, we are able to help every student improve their academic ability, strive for personal growth, and achieve greater academic and contemporary literacy. Through these, we are able to help them find their unique “spark”.



Location

At Canada Star Secondary School, located in the safe and welcoming city of Richmond, B.C., we provide a comprehensive and personalized educational journey. For local and international students alike, our supportive environment, coupled with rigorous academic programs, is the first of many steps towards achieving the BC Dogwood Diploma and your dream university offer letters.

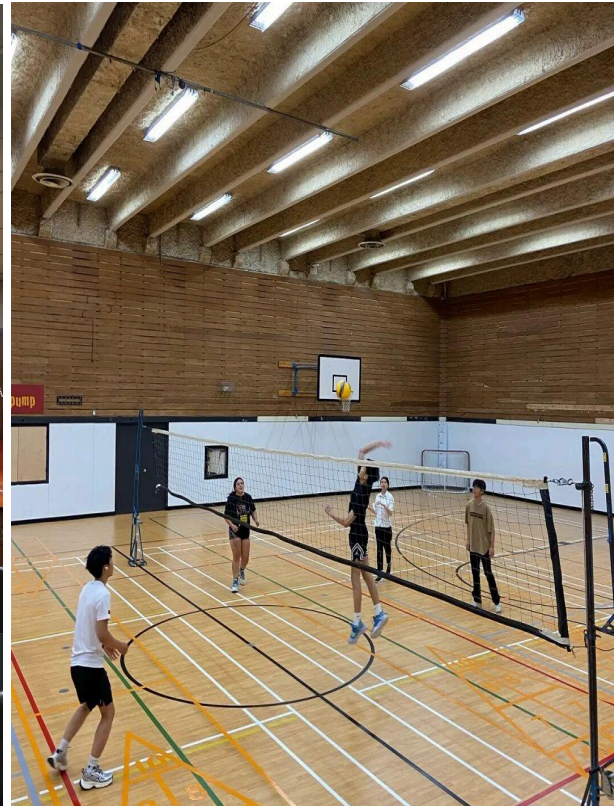


Campus Facilities

Our campus is surrounded by greenery and equipped with comprehensive facilities, including:

- Independent teaching buildings
- Auditorium and Gymnasium
- Library and Art Center
- Student Lounge and Culinary Classroom
- Cafeteria





2. World-Class Faculty

Academic excellence begins with exceptional leadership. Our educational administration is led by our principal, Robert Anstey, an educator with over 20 years of experience and a recipient of the Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence, the Governor General's Award, and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Under his guidance, our team of BC-certified teaching staff is able to distill the essence of top global universities into our classrooms, providing instruction that is as inspiring as it is rigorous.

Meet Principal Robert Anstey:

- Ph.D. from Canadian/American Universities.
- Appointed Vice-Chair of the Independent Schools Committee by the BC Ministry of Education.
- Recipient of the **Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence** and the **Governor General's Award**.
- Awarded the **Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal** for contributions to education.
- Recipient of the **Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction Award**.

Our teaching staff hails from various top universities around the world. They combine high professional standards with adaptive teaching experience to create an engaging yet inspirational classroom environment.





3. Why Choose Canada Star?

Small Class Sizes

We maintain a 1:10 teacher-to-student ratio, with a strict cap of 15 students per class. This ensures that each student's voice is never lost. When Danton (Class of 2025) transferred to us from a large public school, his grades were slipping and his motivation was depleting. Within two months of stepping into our intimate classrooms, his trajectory completely reversed. Here, a plea for help is not queued on an email waitlist; it is greeted with immediate and personalized intervention. We hear and respond to every voice.



Personalized Curriculum

We recognize that each student is unique in their learning, interests, and goals. Our academic advisors, through one-on-one sessions, offer course selection guidance centered on each student's career ambitions and post-secondary goals. Through this close understanding, we are

able to design our courses based on the collective aptitude of the students, creating a learning environment that is conducive to personal growth.



Expert University Counseling

Our team of seasoned senior consultants, with over 20 years of experience, guides students through each step of their academic journey: from course selection at the beginning of the year to university major selection on their applications. We pride ourselves on our ability to ensure a seamless transition from high school to their dream schools.





Where Our Graduates Go: University Acceptances

95% of our graduates secure offers from top universities around the world, including Stanford University, New York University, University of Toronto, McGill University, University of British Columbia, and University of Alberta.

This level of elite achievement requires professional advocacy, not just a simple application. Our University Guidance team provides customized, one-on-one strategic planning from the moment our students step foot onto our campus until the day they receive their Dogwood Diploma on the graduation podium. In addition, our teachers spend years building relationships with each of the student; consequently, they are able to write customized recommendation letters with a level of personal detail that large schools simply cannot match.

As Dorita (Class of 2024) shared: "If it weren't for the recommendation letters written by my teachers at CSSS, I might not have been admitted to Stanford. The teachers truly take the time to understand every single student."

CANADA



University of Toronto



**The University of
British Columbia**



McGill University



University of Waterloo



University of Alberta



Western University



McMaster University



Queen's University



Simon Fraser University

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Stanford University



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Boston University



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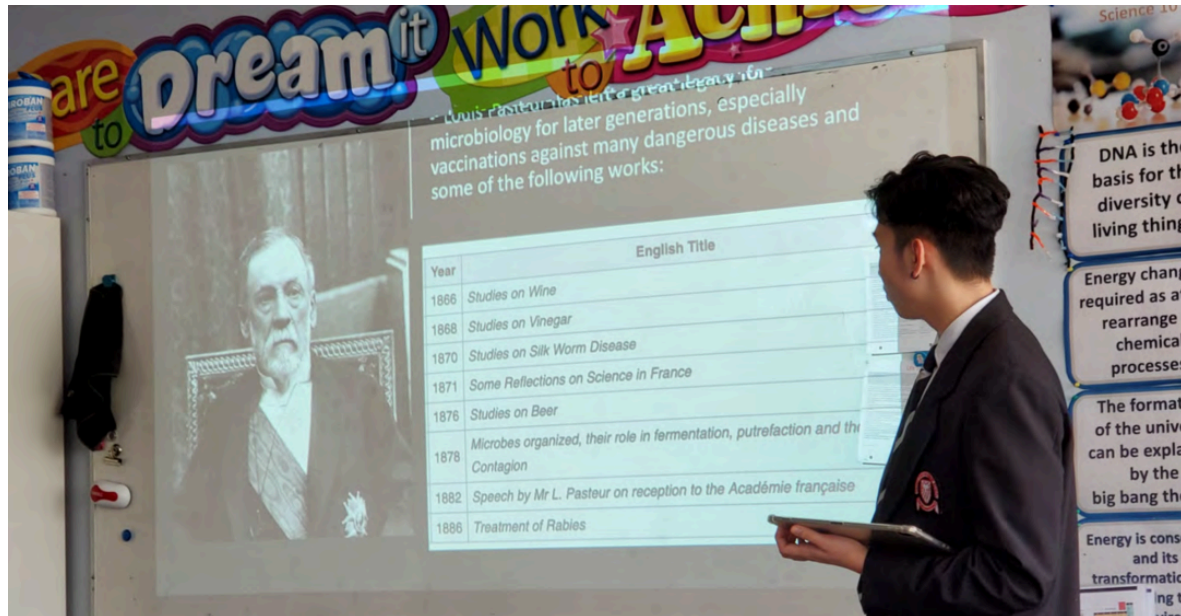
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Academic Excellence

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

AP courses allow students to challenge themselves academically and earn university credits, saving time and tuition later. As an **official College Board AP Test Center**, CSSS offers convenience alongside rigorous academics.



We offer approximately 20 AP courses, including:

- AP Biology
- AP Statistics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics C
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Chemistry
- AP Precalculus
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Physics 2
- AP Psychology

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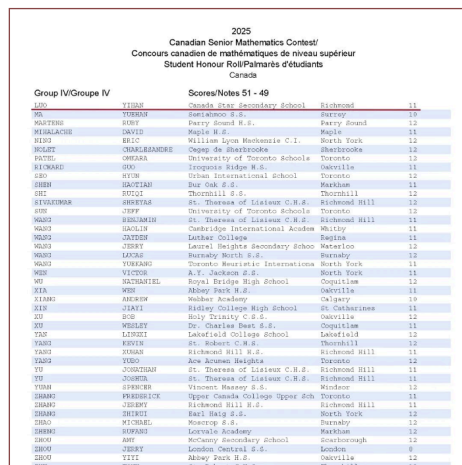
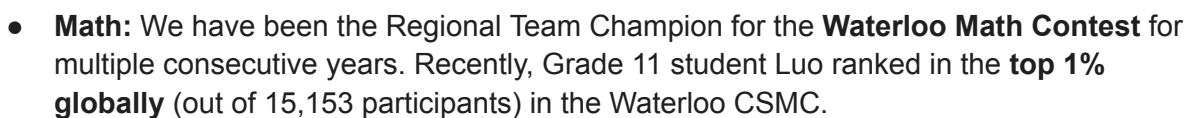


Competition Success

As an officially certified BC Ministry of Education school and an official College Board AP Test Centre, we offer the complete BC high school curriculum alongside more than 20 AP courses and academic competition opportunities.

To supplement these advanced courses and challenges, unlike most schools, CSSS offers free in-school tutoring. We provide intensive after-school sessions two to three times a week, where our expert faculty stays with the students until every complex question is answered.

The result of this dedicated support?



- **Global Competitions:** Our students achieve remarkable results in the Physics Bowl, Wharton Investment Competition, Ivey Business Competition, and the John Locke Essay Competition.



Signature Program: Wonder Time

Top universities want more than just good test-takers; they want students who can make a real difference in the world.

Through our signature "**Wonder Time**" program, students move beyond textbooks to solve genuine issues. Guided by our faculty and mentored one-on-one by students from Stanford University and the University of Chicago, our students find solutions and build resumes that command attention.



CANADA STAR SECONDARY SCHOOL
MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

WONDER TIME

Helping students bring their ideas to life with purpose and action.



- Turn personal passions into action
- Strengthen university applications
- Gain real-world experience in innovation
- Receive 1-on-1 mentorship from Ivy League students

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Student Support & Life

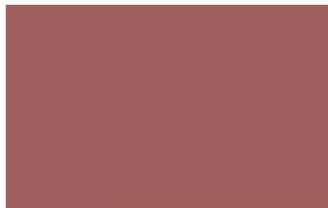
- **Free After-School Tutoring:** Weekly sessions with subject teachers to answer questions and assist with homework.



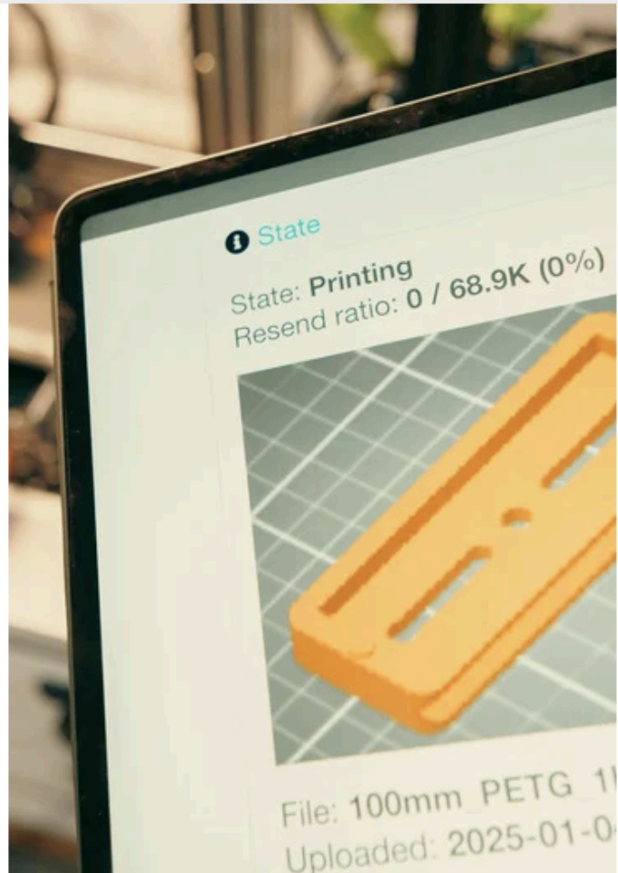
- **Duke of Edinburgh Award:** We support students in achieving this globally recognized award through volunteering, sports, and outdoor expeditions.



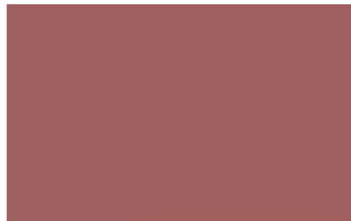
- **Exploration Trips:** From visiting top universities and museums to hiking and outdoor sports, learning happens everywhere.



- **Clubs:** Model UN, Student Council, Business Club, Art Club, 3D Modeling, Basketball, Badminton, and more.



- **Volunteering:** We emphasize social responsibility through community service, charity fundraising, and kindness initiatives.



The Arts Center

For students pursuing the arts, general classes are not enough. The CSSS Art Centre, led by an Emily Carr University instructor and a University of Toronto Architecture Master's graduate, offers four distinct AP Art credit courses and intensive, one-on-one portfolio development.

We don't just prepare students; we bring opportunities to them. During our annual "Portfolio Day," admissions officers from leading art institutions across the country visit our campus specifically to inform and recruit Canada Star talent directly. From foundational art training to portfolio planning and presentation, we guide our students throughout their artistic development. We empower them to prepare competitive portfolios and achieve admission into some of the top art institutions in the world.

AP Art Credit Courses

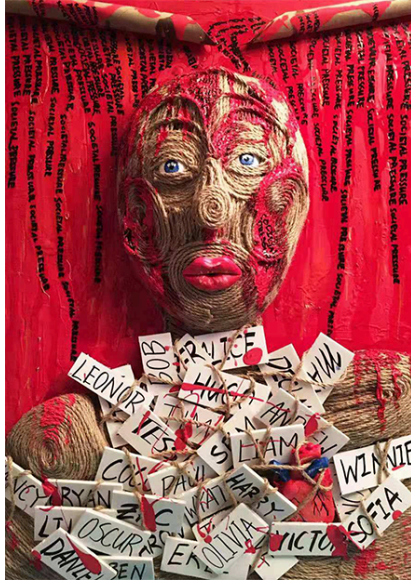
- AP Drawing
- AP Art History
- AP 2-D Art and Design
- AP 3-D Art and Design



One-on-One Portfolio Tutoring

- Clarifying and brainstorming creative concepts
- Assisting with portfolio layout and design
- Enhancing artistic techniques
- Ensuring the overall quality and impact of the final portfolio

CSSS maintains close partnerships with top-tier art institutions around the world. Every year, during our “Portfolio Day,” admissions officers visit Canada Star Secondary School directly to recruit our talented students. Over the years, we have successfully cultivated and guided numerous students; many of them have been admitted into these leading institutions.



4. Comprehensive International Student Support System

Sending your child 8,000 miles away for high school is a monumental decision. We ensure they never feel like just a guest.

From the moment they land in Canada, our international students are embraced by our comprehensive support system. We provide seamless airport pickups, arrange strictly screened, warm homestay families, and seamlessly transfer international academic credits. For parents, our dedicated education consultants provide regular, transparent updates via exclusive WeChat groups. Our goal is to ensure that students feel completely at ease and parents have absolute peace of mind.

Enrollment & Arrival Assistance

- **Airport Pickup Service:** We ensure students arrive safely and smoothly at the school upon landing in Canada.
- **Medical Insurance & Guardianship Support:** We assist students with the processing of their medical cards and guardianship paperwork to help them quickly and securely adapt to their new environment.
- **Academic Credit Transfer:** Our professional team evaluates and officially recognizes students' domestic academic transcripts. This ensures their past hard work is fully validated, facilitating a smooth transition and seamless integration into the BC high school curriculum.

Accommodation

- **Homestay Arrangements:** We strictly screen and regularly evaluate all of our host families. By carefully monitoring safety standards, living environments, and communication quality at every level, we create a warm, stable, and welcoming living space for our students.

Academic Management & Communication

- **Dedicated WeChat Communication Groups:** A professional education consultant oversees each student's journey from start to finish. We establish exclusive WeChat groups for families, providing parents with regular, transparent updates on academic progress, report cards, and daily attendance. This guarantees timely information sharing and achieves seamless communication between home and school.



5. Voices of Our Community

Dorita, Class of 2024 | Stanford University

"If it weren't for the recommendation letters written by my teachers at Canada Star Secondary School, I might not have been admitted to Stanford University. The teachers here are truly willing to spend the time to get to know every single student, which made the personal growth and character traits they highlighted in their letters incredibly compelling. I love everyone here and miss the school dearly. I am extremely proud to have spent my high school years at CSSS."

Jessica, Class of 2022 | University of Waterloo

"I am currently studying at the University of Waterloo. Before coming to CSSS, I attended a public school in Surrey. It was heavily populated, and if you wanted to ask a teacher a question, you had to make an appointment via email and endure a long wait. But at CSSS, teachers answer any questions immediately, creating a highly efficient learning environment. My final year at Canada Star was the happiest

year of my life. Thanks to this efficient study environment, I achieved high marks in every subject. I made wonderful friends here, and we all received excellent university offers. I miss everything about CSSS."

Aria, Class of 2025 | University of British Columbia (UBC)

"I transferred to CSSS as an international student from a public school in China. Here, I get along incredibly well with my classmates and have made many friends with shared interests. When I first arrived, my English wasn't very strong, and I was quite shy. The teachers paid close attention to me, proactively asked about my learning progress, and patiently explained any questions I had, which helped me tremendously. I feel that everything has gone so smoothly at CSSS. I can see my own growth at every stage; I have become increasingly composed and confident, and my final university admission results were incredibly rewarding."

Mother of Tim, Class of 2023 | University of Waterloo (Mathematics)

"Tim is currently studying in the Mathematics Faculty at the University of Waterloo, and he is deeply grateful to CSSS. As a parent accompanying him, during Tim's five years studying in Canada, we changed schools three times. At one point, we were warned that he might even struggle to graduate high school. But from the moment he arrived at CSSS and put on the uniform, I felt he had changed. His grades kept improving, to the point where even a 95% wasn't enough for him. The teachers gave him a lot of encouragement, boosting his confidence and igniting his desire to learn. I believe coming to CSSS is the best decision I've ever made. Thank you, Canada Star, for changing a child's destiny."

Father of Season, Class of 2025 | University of Toronto

"Season is currently studying at the University of Toronto. In his first semester, he scored a perfect 100 in math, and his other grades were all 90+. This outstanding performance is a testament to the solid foundation laid by CSSS. I want to extend a special thanks to Mr. Chiang; the study methods he taught were highly practical, helping Season not only make a leap forward in high school but also calmly handle the high-intensity academic workload of university. Thank you, Canada Star Secondary School!"

Mother of Danton, Class of 2025

"Previously, Danton attended a well-known school highly recommended by other parents. However, starting in Grade 10, his grades began to slip. We communicated with the teachers there, but it had little effect. Within just two or three months of transferring to CSSS, Danton completely transformed. He regained his confidence and motivation to learn. His grades have steadily improved, and he is genuinely

happy at school. We are all incredibly thrilled and satisfied. I truly believe that choosing Canada Star was the right decision."

6. Admissions Information

Are you ready to experience an education where your child is truly known, celebrated, and guided toward an extraordinary future?

We are currently accepting applications for our upcoming February and September intakes.

How to Apply

1. **Online Application:** Fill out the form at [OpenApply](#) and upload required documents (Passport, transcripts, vaccination records).
2. **English Test:** Required for students without a BC English 10 grade (50%+).
3. **Offer:** Admission decision based on assessment results.
4. **Payment & Acceptance:** Official Letter of Acceptance issued upon receipt of tuition.

Fee Structure (CAD)

- **Tuition:** International \$22,000/year | Local \$17,600/year
- **Incidental Fees:** \$1,100/year
- **Textbooks:** \$250/year
- **Homestay:** \$1,600/month

Intake Dates

We operate on a semester system with intakes in **February** and **September**.

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