

## District

The Surrey school district was formed in 1906. It has the largest student enrolment in British Columbia. Surrey Schools is governed by an elected board of seven trustees representing the cities of Surrey and White Rock.

## Students

The percentage of students graduating within six years of entering Grade 8 in 2015/2016 was 89.2%; 5.5 per cent higher than the provincial average.

Surrey students consistently achieve high results, comparing well with the province in the five key courses requiring a provincial examination. (English 10, Science 10, Mathematics 10, Social Studies 11 or equivalent and English 12 or Communications 12).

## Parents

Parent involvement is welcomed at our schools. The Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) are valued as active partners in education. PACs are active at both the elementary and secondary levels and have representation on the District Parent Advisory Council and many district committees.

## Schools

Surrey Schools has 101 elementary schools, 19 secondary schools, five student learning centres, three adult education centres, a distributed (online) learning program and a variety of satellite and inter-agency programs serving a wide range of specific student needs.

School populations in September 2016 ranged from:

- 35 - 804 students in elementary schools; and
- 1,121 - 2,055 students in secondary schools.

## Early Learning

**Ready, Set, Learn** events held throughout the district provide three and four-year-old children and their families with an opportunity to participate in a series of play-based learning activities within the school setting. Parents/caregivers learn more about community supports and receive helpful tips to support their child's learning and development.

**StrongStart** is a free drop-in program where parents/caregivers and their children, from infants to five-year-olds, can participate together in a range of early learning experiences with an opportunity to play, learn and grow together. Parents and caregivers discover new ways to support their children's learning at home and may make valuable connections with others in the community who are also attending the centre. Locations and other details are available at [www.surreyschools.ca](http://www.surreyschools.ca) under "Preschool."

## Programs

Surrey Schools offers a variety of specialized, and "choice" programs for students. Details of these programs are available on the district website at [www.surreyschools.ca](http://www.surreyschools.ca):

- Learner Support Teams, English Language Learner programs, and Gifted Education;
- Community Schools Partnership provides programming, support and resources to our vulnerable students before and after school, and during school breaks;
- Core French, French as a Second Language, French Immersion and Intensive French programs;
- Punjabi Language program;
- Advanced Placement courses and International Baccalaureate programs for academically talented secondary students;
- Discovery, Heritage School, Montessori, Traditional and Intensive Fine Arts alternative elementary school programs;
- Learning Centres, Growing Together (for teen moms), Inter-A and Integrated Studies;
- Settlement and multicultural support through the Surrey School District Welcome Centre;
- Post-Secondary Training for Education Assistants, Applied Behaviour Analysis Support Workers and Hairdressing
- Adult and Continuing Education opportunities;
- International Education short and long-term programs;
- Surrey Academy of Innovative Learning (SAIL): A Blended Learning Online School (K- 12)"
- District Career Education Partnership programs, career-oriented programs, Co-op Education, Secondary School Apprenticeship and work experience replacements.

## Location

Surrey is one of the largest cities in Canada in area and is located in the southwestern corner of British Columbia, approximately 40 minutes from the City of Vancouver, bordering northwestern Washington, USA.

## Enrolment

Surrey Schools has the highest student enrolment in B.C. As of September 2016, the district has 69,433 students in K-12 plus more than 795 students in adult education high school completion programs.

Surrey School District's 2016/2017 enrolment includes:

- 41,652 grades K-7 students in 101 elementary schools,
- 71 grades K-7 online learners (Surrey Academy of Innovative Learning),
- 27,300 grades 8-12 students in 19 secondary schools,
- 795 grades 8-12 students in five learning centres,
- 235 grades 8-12 online learners (Surrey Academy of Innovative Learning), and
- 175 students in other educational programs and services.

## Size

The school district serves the City of Surrey, the City of White Rock and includes the rural area of Barnston Island. The total area of the district is approximately 328 square kilometres.

## Employees

Surrey Schools is Surrey's largest employer with 10,560 employees including 5,831 teachers.

## Student population

Many cultures are represented within the student population. Approximately half of students attending school in the district are from a household in which a language other than English is spoken. Of the more than 163 languages other than English represented in Surrey schools, the highest percentages are Punjabi, Hindi, Tagalog (Filipino), Mandarin and Korean.

## Budget

### 2016/2017 Budget (preliminary):

○ <b>Operating Budget:</b>	<b>\$641,820,145</b>
○ <b>Capital Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 43,160,537</b>
○ <b>Special Purpose:</b>	<b>\$ 37,742,491</b>

### Operating Breakdown:

Instruction.....	\$558,779,401
District Administration.....	\$13,530,054
Operations & Maintenance.....	\$64,197,750
Transportation.....	\$5,312,940

Surrey Schools devotes more of its 2016/2017 operating budget to instruction and less on district administration than the provincial average. ***In fact, Surrey Schools spends the least proportion of its budget on district administration than any other district in the province.***

	British Columbia	Surrey
Instruction	83.2%	87.1%
District administration	3.4%	2.1%

Surrey Schools spends proportionately more than the provincial average on teachers in the classroom.

	British Columbia	Surrey
Teachers	44.1%	48%

## Our Vision:

We prepare our learners to think creatively and critically, communicate skilfully, and demonstrate care for self and others.

## Guiding Principles:

The Board of Education is guided by a focus on:

- Supporting the design of engaging learning environments for all students.
- Operational efficiencies that prioritize resources to directly support learning.
- Relationships with community partners to broaden opportunities for students.
- Advocacy for necessary facilities and resources.
- Schools and workplaces that are safe and welcoming.
- Environmental stewardship.