

Inter-A

High school students who are self-directed and like teamwork, community service and sharing their knowledge, will enjoy being part of Inter-A.

The Inter-A Difference

Inter-A is an educational option for high school students who reside in Surrey and offers a different approach to secondary education (Grades 8-12). Students in Inter-A take all the required academic courses, but also have the chance to do special activities and projects. Many students choose to come to Inter-A because of our small, familial environment. Diversity is respected here and students from many grades often work cooperatively on projects and assignments. In some courses, students are able to progress at their own pace. Inter-A encourages students to be socially responsible through service and leadership. As part of the program, students are encouraged to make meaningful contributions to the school and outside community. Students are also challenged to set and to achieve goals for themselves.

Student Led Seminars and Leadership:

Students with an interest or expertise in a curricular area may offer seminars for their peers. Intermediate students (Grades 8-9) may present or attend seminars each unit. Senior students (Grades 10-12) may initiate their own projects to better the program, school, or community.

Community Service Learning:

Students participate in volunteer service activities, both within the school and the larger community. Students are given credit for up to ten hours of community service. Students are strongly encouraged to engage in peer tutoring within the classroom setting.

Student Learning Plans:

Students learn to set and achieve personal and academic goals within a specific time frame.

Program Structure

Inter-A operates on its own timetable within the regular school day. Inter-A will be located at Queen Elizabeth Secondary School starting in the 2017-2018 school year. Students have all of their classes with other Inter-A students and Inter-A teachers. The school year is divided into six units, with report cards being issued at the end of each unit. Math, French, PE and Fine Arts are taught in each unit throughout all grade levels while other subjects alternate every second unit.

Academics

Inter-A offers all core academic classes required by the Ministry of Education. Students also have the chance to complete numerous other elective classes such as Community Leadership, Social Justice and Work Experience.

Sciences: Students explore chemistry, biology, ecology, astronomy and physics through assignments, group work, laboratory activities as well as field trips.

Humanities: The program takes an integrated and interactive approach to literature, history, geography and social issues.

Language: Our language of instruction is English, while French is offered as a second language.

Field Studies

Experiential learning is an integral part of the Inter-A Program and its philosophy. As a result, students can participate in numerous local, national and international field studies.

Local field trips could include learning about sea life at the Vancouver Aquarium, exploring a forest ecosystem, dragon boating, or participating in the Vancouver International Film Festival.

Students attend an annual three-day retreat to Camp Sunrise where they participate in leadership, team-building and collaborative activities.



Inter-A has participated in several cultural and language exchanges with secondary schools in the province of Quebec.

Past overseas excursions have included trips to Central and Western Europe, North Africa and the Mediterranean, as well as Australia.

Registration Procedures

Students with a diverse range of interests, talents and skills are welcome in the Inter-A Program. Although students typically enter the program in Grades 8-9, applicants are considered at any grade level.

For students wishing to join the Inter-A Program for September, the application process begins with a visit to the program for a day, usually in January or February. During the visit, students will be twinned with a current Inter-A student. After the visit, interested students are invited to complete an application form and will be asked to return for a meeting with the Inter-A Teaching Team. Applications are evaluated on a first come, first served basis and suitability.

To schedule a visit, please email Melanie Skelin at skelin_m@surreyschools.ca 604-588-6934 ext.2210

The Inter-A Information Night is on **Tuesday, January 24th 2017 at 6:30pm** at Kwantlen Park Secondary's Theatre.

For more information, log on to the Inter-A Website www.inter-a.ca or <https://www.surreyschools.ca/departments/EDSC/ChoicePrograms/Inter-A/Pages/default.aspx>



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