



Imagine High

INTEGRATED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY SECONDARY

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What grades are at Imagine High?

- ✓ Imagine opens in September 2021 with a maximum of 350 students (grades 9 and 10).
- ✓ Grade 11 and 12 will be added in September 2022 and September 2023, respectively.
- ✓ There is capacity for 700 students, grades 9 – 12 at Imagine High.

2. Who can attend Imagine High?

- ✓ Imagine High, as a public school of choice, has no catchment area so students in the Chilliwack residential area are welcome to register.
- ✓ Students who live outside of Chilliwack may also register, but preference will be given to families living in the Chilliwack community.
- ✓ Following registration, the principal will schedule a Zoom meeting with the family and student to discuss the student's interests, talk about the learning at Imagine High, and together determine if the school is a good fit.

3. What about students with Ministry designations or specific learning needs?

- ✓ All students are welcome at Imagine High.
- ✓ The Inclusive Design Team teachers at Imagine High will provide the resources, supports and individual programming that promote inclusion and participation for all students.
- ✓ Individual Education Plans will be developed in consultation with parents and students.

4. How is learning the same/different at Imagine High?

- ✓ At Imagine High, the BC Curriculum is organized and taught in an integrated manner around projects.
- ✓ At the grade 9 and 10 level, two teachers are responsible for co-planning and co-teaching *Integrated Core* (English, Socials, Math, Science and Career Education) to a learning family of 60 students.
- ✓ Working together in collaborate teams within their learning family, students work on projects, problems or questions that link core subjects together.
- ✓ Arts and technology are woven into the Integrated Core.
- ✓ Students can sample arts and technology through a wide range of elective options and extra-curricular activities.
- ✓ Twice a year, students participate in Deep Dive Institutes for 2-3 weeks. Deep Dives allow students to explore an area of interest in depth.
- ✓ Students use art and technology to showcase their learning through exhibitions that include artifacts, performances, presentations and demonstrations.
- ✓ Grade 11 and 12 students will have opportunities to go deeper into areas of interest or passion and pursue more personalized learning paths.

5. What kind of arts and technology?

- ✓ Imagine High will provide opportunities for students in a variety of arts and technology: theatre, dance, music, visual arts, creative writing, culinary arts, applied design, digital media arts, foods, textiles, music, animation, media design, robotics and electronics, Information and Communications Technology and Technology Education.
- ✓ Our focus at Imagine High is on experiential, hands-on learning, the design process and creative expression.
- ✓ While the school is not a performing arts school, there will be opportunities for students who are interested in performance.

6. What are the facilities and resources are at Imagine High?

- ✓ 240 seat theatre with state-of-the-art lighting and sound.
- ✓ Dance, art, and music studios
- ✓ Maker Space
- ✓ Culinary Arts Kitchen
- ✓ Foods and textiles
- ✓ Spacious and well-equipped Learning Commons
- ✓ Digital Media Studio (visual and audio)
- ✓ Computer Lab
- ✓ Gymnasium
- ✓ Open learning spaces
- ✓ Science classrooms
- ✓ Portable technology to support student learning (IPADs and laptops)

7. Will my child be prepared to go to post-secondary education or training?

- ✓ Yes, graduates of Imagine High receive the provincial Dogwood Diploma.
- ✓ School staff will work with students and their families to determine course requirements and paths to post-secondary.

8. What about French? Other languages?

- ✓ French 9 and 10 are optional courses. Please note that many post-secondary institutions require a second language.
- ✓ Other languages will be offered depending on student interest.

9. Will there be sports at Imagine High?

- ✓ Imagine High will have a brand-new gym when it opens in 2021.
- ✓ Yes - sports teams will be created based on student interest.

10. Will there be clubs at Imagine High?

- ✓ Yes - clubs will be created based on student interest.

11. What about transportation to Imagine High?

- ✓ There is no scheduled bus transportation to Imagine High through the school district. However, families may apply for courtesy busing through the Transportation Department: <https://sd33.bc.ca/transportation-department>
- ✓ The Chilliwack city bus stops on Yale Road, just minutes away from Imagine High <https://www.bctransit.com/chilliwack/home>

12. Do siblings get preference for registration if an older sibling is already attending Imagine High.

- ✓ Yes, siblings do get preference for registering at Imagine High.
- ✓ Following registration, the principal will schedule a Zoom meeting with the family and sibling to discuss the student's interests, hear more about Imagine High, and together determine if the school is a good fit.

13. Will you have a Parent Advisory Council? Parent volunteers?

- ✓ Yes, we welcome parent involvement and participation!
- ✓ Information regarding the Imagine PAC is available on our website.
- ✓ Parent volunteers will be welcome at Imagine High.

15. When can we visit the school?

- ✓ We will provide Imagine High students and families an opportunity to tour the school during the last week of August. Families will be sent sign-up information in late July.
- ✓ Currently, the school is under construction and is closed to visitors.

16. What is the bell schedule?

- ✓ We don't have bells! However, our start time is 8:45 am and students finish their day at 3:12 pm.
- ✓ Lunch is 12:09 – 12:54 pm.

17. Is Imagine High a closed campus?

- ✓ Grade 10 students can go off campus at lunch starting September 9th.
- ✓ Grade 9 students will be able to go off campus at lunch starting October 4th.

Need more information?

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