



INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

TEACHING IN THE INDEPENDENT SECTOR

It IS all about the kids...

(public or independent)





| AMG | ACSCI | CIS | ISABC | SCSBC |
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| Associated Member Group | Association of Christian Schools International | Catholic Independent Schools | Independent Schools Association | Society of Christian Schools in BC |
| 24.9% | 18.7% | 27.3% | 16.2% | 12.9% |
| 2015 figures | | | | |

Independent Schools: Some facts

- 76 072 students attend BC independent schools
- There are currently 297 FISA independent schools
- 13% of BC children attend independent schools
- Only 5.4% of the Ministry's budget is allocated to independent schools for operating costs
- Ministry Grants: Group 1 = 50%; Group 2= 35%

Why Independent schools?

- Offer families and students **CHOICE**
- Over over 60% of FISA schools have a **religious affiliation**
- Selection of chosen **educational philosophy** – e.g. Waldorf, Montessori, IB
- Choice of **local opportunities**: special educational needs, extra-curricular, global initiatives, leadership and service learning, special needs, class size, university preparatory education

The ISABC

- A family of 23 schools with the tradition of providing **outstanding learning opportunities** in BC, Canada and beyond (14 mainland, 7 island, 1 Kelowna) - **Unity in Diversity**
- Commitment to **excellence, innovation, collaboration and opportunity**
- Distinctive for **exceptional opportunity** including academic results and graduation to university , extensive co-curricular activities, Pro-D, service learning, global citizenship, special needs

ISABC Schools

| Island | Mainland | Mainland |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Aspengrove | Brockton | St John's |
| Brentwood | Collingwood | Stratford Hall |
| Glenlyon Norfolk | Crofton House | Southridge |
| Queen Margaret's | Fraser Academy | Southpointe |
| Shawnigan Lake | Island Pacific | Urban Academy |
| St Margaret's | Meadowridge | West Point Grey |
| St Michaels University School | Mulgrave | York House |
| | St George's | Aberdeen Hall - Kelowna |

What can you expect from an ISABC School?

- Students are motivated
- Parents are very committed and involved
- Very well resourced
- Small class sizes
- Exceptional range of extra-curricular activities
- Extensive support for special needs
- Technology rich
- Rigorous academic programmes - IB or AP
- Support for newly qualified teachers
- Extensive professional development

What is the remuneration?

- Longer holidays (8, 2 & 2 weeks with mid-term breaks)
- Pension scheme – RRSP
- Extended medical care
- Competitive salaries – mostly pegged above the public sector
- Pleasant campuses and classrooms

Expectations

- Parental communication and involvement
- Extra-curricular commitments
- Extended reporting – written comments 3-4 times a year
- Extensive engagement with students

How do you apply for an ISABC School?

It's simple...

- Educationcanada.com
- [CAIS](#)
- www.isabc.ca
- www.fisa.ca to see Associations and schools

Go to Employment tab

Apply directly to individual schools

Who should apply for Independent Schools?

- BC certified teachers
- The best teachers – there are no other barriers
- **YOU!**



Excellence Opportunity
Innovation Collaboration

Try us out – Community Field Experience

- **3 week practicum** – Secondary: April 25 – May 13; Elementary: June 6-24, 2016
- **Customized individual school experience** including: whole class teaching; team-teaching; development of curriculum materials; support with lab work; observations; tutoring with small groups; leading lesson; field experiences; camping and canoeing trips
- **IB placements** (10/23 schools) will enable exploration of inquiry-based learning; the learner profile; cross-curricular teaching; critical thinking; global learning