



Imagine High

INTEGRATED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY SECONDARY

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What grades are at Imagine High?

- ✓ The school 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, hear more about 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 Student Services Department 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 theatre, dance, music, visual arts, creative writing, culinary arts, applied design, digital media arts, ADST (Business

Education, Home Economics, Culinary Arts, 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 is a required course and will be offered for all grade 9 students.
- ✓ French 10 is optional and will be offered to interested students.
- ✓ 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.

9. Will there be clubs at Imagine High?

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

10. When can my child select courses for September 2021?

- ✓ Students and families will be contacted by email in April/May regarding grades 9 and 10 course and elective selection for September 2021.

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!
- ✓ Plans are underway to form a PAC in the spring of 2021 before school opening in September.
- ✓ Parent volunteers will be welcome at Imagine High.

14. When can we visit the school?

- ✓ We are hoping to provide Imagine High students and families an opportunity to tour the school in spring, 2021.
- ✓ Currently, the school is under construction and is closed to visitors.

Need more information?

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