

Frequently Asked Questions 2023-2024

1. What grades are at Imagine High?

- In the 2023/2024 school year Imagine houses students from Grades 9-12 and celebrates its first class of graduates
- There is capacity for 700 students, grades 9 12 at Imagine High (175 per grade)

2. Who can attend Imagine High and how do we register?

- 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)
- All registrations are completed via <u>SD33 EReg</u> and are timestamped
- Seats are based on availability the Welcome Center team will reach out via email and confirm whether space is available. If space is not available, students will be placed on a waitlist
- Families & students sign up for a zoom with school team to connect around learning at Imagine & student goals to hear if this approach to learning might be a good fit for your child. Registration is confirmed after zoom
- REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR IS OPEN NOW
- REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR OPENS OCTOBER 1, 2023

3. Is Imagine the right fit for me?

- Imagine High has an integrated, experiential and community approach to learning (combined course pairings & groupings).Learning moves through interdisciplinary projects with content from multiple subject areas
- Imagine is a great fit for students who like working in collaborative groups and classroom settings. Many of our students have a passion for art or technology, and enjoy showing your learning in creative and unique ways. There are pathways for every learner at Imagine!

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

- Please visit our website to check out our Learning Framework.
- At Imagine High, the BC Curriculum is delivered in an integrated manner around projects:
 - **Grade 9/10** The day at Imagine is divided into two halves: **Integrated Core** (English, Socials, Math, Science, PE and Career Education- Learning together in collaborative teams within a community of up to 60 students and two teachers), and **Electives**
 - Grade 11/12 Integrated Pairings & stand-alone choice subjects in both core & elective classes
- Arts and technology are woven into the learning and students can sample arts and technology through a wide range of elective options, Deep Dives and extra-curricular activities
- Twice a year, students participate in Deep Dive Institutes for 2 weeks (intensive elective condensed courses all regular learning is paused during Deep Dives)
- Students use art and technology to showcase their learning through exhibitions that include artifacts, performances, presentations and demonstrations

5. What kind of arts and technology?

- Imagine High will provide opportunities for students in a variety of arts and technology: video game development, photography, theater, 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, and shop
- Our focus at Imagine High is on experiential, hands-on learning, and creative expression
- While the school is not a performing arts school, there will be opportunities for students interested in performance
- Portable technology to support student learning (IPADs and laptops) and Imagine High is also a BYOD school (See policy here)

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

- Professional theater with state-of-the-art lighting and sound
- Dance, art, and music studios
- Woodshop & Maker Space
- Culinary Arts kitchen
- Foods and textiles
- Spacious and well-equipped Learning Commons
- Creative recording studio (visual and audio)
- Computer lab
- Brand new gymnasium and workout room
- Science classrooms

7. 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 works within learning communities to provide the resources, supports and individual programming that promote inclusion and participation for all students within regular classrooms
- Competency-based Individual Education Plans will be developed in consultation with parents, students and teachers

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

- Yes, graduates of Imagine High receive the standard provincial Dogwood Diploma all other BC high school students graduate with
- School staff will work with students and their families to determine course requirements and paths to post-secondary we personalize pathways for a diversity of student pathways

9. What about French? Other languages?

• French 9-12 are optional courses. Please note that many post-secondary institutions require a second languageother languages will be offered depending on student interest

10. Are there sports at Imagine High?

- Imagine High has a brand-new gym with a beautiful dance studio and weight room
- Yes sports teams will be created based on student interest
- The following teams are registered for BC School Sports: Basketball, Volleyball, Swimming, Cross County and Ultimate Frisbee

11. Will there be clubs at Imagine High?

- Yes clubs will be created based on student interest
- The following clubs are currently running: Theatre, Design, Leadership, D&D, Minecraft, Podcast, Hiking Club, Chess

12. 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: <u>https://sd33.bc.ca/transportation-department</u>
- The Chilliwack city bus stops on Yale Road, just minutes away from Imagine High https://www.bctransit.com/chilliwack/home
- City bus passes are sold at the Welcome Center

13. 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

14. Do 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 are welcome at Imagine High call the welcome center for more information

15. When can we visit the school?

- Throughout the year, Imagine hosts open houses: please visit our website and social media for more information
- We will provide Imagine High students and families an opportunity to tour the school during the week before school for guided tours

16. What is the bell schedule?

• We don't have bells! However, our start time is 8:47 am and students finish their day at 3:03: See our schedule here.

17. Is Imagine High a closed campus?

- Grade 10/11 students can go off campus at lunch at all times
- Grade 9 students will be able to go off campus at lunch starting in October

Need more information?

Visit our website: <u>https://imagine.sd33.bc.ca/</u> Contact our Welcome Center Team: <u>iss-alloffice@sd33.bc.ca</u> or call (604) 792-0941. Follow us on social Media: @imaginesd33 (Twitter/X, Facebook, Instagram, Youtube)

