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SHUGAKU RYOKO
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA
SECONDARY SCHOOL EXPERIENCES FOR JAPANESE STUDENTS



TRAVEL TO A NATURAL PARADISE

BC, Canada is safe, clean, beautiful and multicultural. It is perfect for outdoor adventures and surrounded by mountains and ocean! BC is also full of intellectual and cultural attractions such as art galleries, museums, local markets and festivals.

If you like walking, hiking or cycling, there are many municipal, provincial and national parks to explore. In the winter, BC's many mountains lure skiers and snowboarders from around the world. Fishing, canoeing, surfing and river rafting are just a few of the activities that BC's coast and waterways have to offer.



"What I like most about BC is the friendliness ... People smile and say 'hi' to you even if you don't know them. If you need a hand, there is always someone who will help you."

- **Aska Nakamura**, a Japanese student studying in BC



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SCHOOL SYSTEM IN BC

BC is one of the best places to study. Our education system is globally recognized for progressive, flexible learning. Our K-12 schools are among the top-ranked in Canada and around the globe.

There are 60 K-12 school districts in BC. Both BC’s public school districts and independent schools have a long history of welcoming and supporting international students for short-term study, specialized summer camps and long-term studies.

BC is a popular choice for Japanese students with **over 700** Japanese students in BC’s K-12 schools.

WHY STUDY IN BC?



Quality education

BC teachers and institutions are ranked among the best in the world and BC is the only province in Canada with a provincial seal of quality for post-secondary education (Education Quality Assurance).



Beautiful, safe cities

BC, with its cosmopolitan cities, lush rainforests, coastal waters and impressive mountains is one of Canada’s most exciting and beautiful provinces. BC is a safe and peaceful place to live and study.



Mild weather

BC has the mildest climate in the country. Summer temperatures in the province’s interior region frequently surpass 30°C, while BC’s southern coastal region offers the mildest winter temperatures in Canada.



Friendly, diverse people

The people of BC are friendly and welcoming. People from many cultures call BC their home, creating a diverse and vibrant society.

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN SHORT-TERM TOURS



LEGEND			
Participating schools/school districts	Availability	Capacity	Approx # of students # of schools in school district
NORTHERN AND CENTRAL REGION			
Experience BC's natural beauty and authentic First Nations culture.			
A School District No.54 (The Bulkley Valley)	May, early June or October	40-50	2,180 students 6 elementary schools, 2 secondary schools
B School District No.60 (Peace River North)	April - May	25	5,930 students 15 elementary schools, 4 secondary schools, 1 K-12 school
VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION			
Vancouver Island is the largest island off the western North American coast.			
C Island Catholic Schools	October - November or February - April	100	1,600 students 5 elementary schools, 1 secondary school
D St. Margaret's School	October - November or January - February or April - May	40	350 students
VANCOUVER AND SURROUNDING REGION			
Home to Vancouver, one of the world's safest and most liveable cities.			
E Mennonite Educational Institute	Spring break, Summer	60-75	1,370 students 3 campuses
F Pattison High School	May - June	50	160 students
G School District No.42 (Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows)	Any month except during exams and breaks	150-200	14,620 students 21 elementary schools, 6 secondary schools
H Vancouver School Board	February, April, October, November	50	54,000 students 92 elementary schools, 18 secondary schools
I The Westside School	January, February, April, May, October, November	20	140 students
SOUTHERN INTERIOR REGION			
Enjoy this sunny region and its many parks, beaches and mountain resorts.			
J Immaculata Regional High School	Any month	100	250 students
K School District No.23 (Central Okanagan)	October, November, May	100	21,300 students 8 elementary schools, 11 secondary schools
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION			
This region is famous for outdoor activities such as skiing, hiking and river rafting.			
L School District No.10 (Arrow Lakes)	Any month except during exams and breaks	50	490 students 2 elementary schools, 1 secondary schools, 1 K-12 school