

# Schools



## Riley Park/South Cambie **RPSC**

### City Role

Public schools in Vancouver are funded by the provincial government through the Ministry of Education and administered by the Vancouver School Board.

Vancouver City Council has very little influence on the policies or administration of schools in the city. The City's role is limited to the collection of school tax on behalf of the Province.

### Vancouver School Board

The Vancouver School Board (VSB), is governed by 9 trustees elected every 3 years during municipal elections. Trustees establish policies while day-to-day operations are carried out by the Superintendent of Schools.

### Riley Park-South Cambie Overview

The table included in this fact sheet provides information, including enrollment and special programs, on public schools serving Riley Park-South Cambie, as well as independent schools situated within the local area boundaries.

### Special School Programs and Initiatives in Riley Park-South Cambie

Programs in Vancouver schools are constantly evolving to meet the needs of a changing population.

Vancouver schools provide a number of alternative program options to the mainstream education program, including French Immersion, Mandarin Immersion, English as a Second Language, Gifted Education, Career Preparation and more.

The following programs are available at the schools identified in the table on the following pages.

**Alternative Resource Programs** are alternate programs for secondary students who do not adjust to the regular high-school setting. These students often require a smaller and more protected learning environment. Students are referred to these programs through counselors, case managers, other community agencies, social workers and also through self-referral. Examples in RPSC include: Genesis Program South, Midtown Alternate Program, Pacific Storm Alternate Program (Tupper), and Total Education (Hamber).

**Mini-schools** are small, enriched-learning programs for students grades 8-12, from across the city. Mini-schools encourage self-directed learning, initiative, participation, leadership, responsibility, respect, co-operation, and service to the community. There are only a few mini-schools in Vancouver. Sir Charles Tupper in RPSC has a Mini School Program.

**Gifted Challenge Centres and Multi-age Gifted Cluster Classes** provide intellectual and creative challenges in a supportive environment, for highly gifted students.

**Early Literacy Project** is focused on professional development for teachers to use innovative reading assessment strategies to track grade one students' reading behaviours, and to teach based on this information. The Early Literacy Project has been a very positive and successful project; participating schools have seen a dramatic increase in student literacy rates.

**Inner city and food programs:** The Ministry for Children and Families provides funding for food programs and some inner-city programs.

### Other School Resources

**Parent Advisory Committees (PACs)** are largely made up of parents of students attending the school. PACs meet on a voluntary basis to deal with school issues and co-ordinate fundraising activities. School principals and other staff work with the PAC.

**Community Health Nurses** from the Coastal Health Authority work with other health professionals and school staff at public schools to provide health education and counselling for youth. The focus of this program is the identification and intervention of youth health issues.

**School Liaison Officers** from the Vancouver Police Department are assigned to each secondary school in the city. The intent of the program is to reach out to youth in need and divert them from harmful influences. If required, elementary schools can request support from school liaison officers in their area.

### Sources

Vancouver School Board Ready Reference

Riley Park-South Cambie Schools

<b>Public Elementary</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Enrollment 2003-2004</b>	<b>Programs</b>
General Brock Elementary School	4860 Main Street	252	K-7 Full-day Kindergarten Food Program
Emily Carr Elementary School	4070 Oak Street	294	K-7
Edith Cavell Elementary School	500 West 20 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	280	K-7 Children's Hospital
David Livingstone Elementary School	315 East 23 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	314	K-7 Food Program Full-day Kindergarten
General Wolf Elementary School	4251 Ontario Street	548	K-7 Full-day Kindergarten 3-Level Integrated Approach for ESL students
Sir Wilfred Grenfell Elementary School	3323 Wellington Avenue	433	K -7 Food Program Full-day Kindergarten
<b>Public Secondary</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Enrollment 2003 - 2004</b>	<b>Programs</b>
Eric Hamber Secondary School	2600 East Broadway	1618	8-12 Total Education Hamber Challenge Program Adolescent Psychiatric Unit - Shaughnessy Children's Hospital Hamber House G.F. Strong Rehabilitation Centre Eating Disorders Program Night School Centre
Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School	419 East 24 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	1001	8-12 Inner City Partially Funded Pacific Storm Midtown Alternate Tupper Young Parent Services Tupper Mini Program LAC LAC Life Skills Extended Skills Genesis Program South