

School District No.22 Academies and Specialized Programs enhance the curriculum. Students are motivated to strengthen their skills and improve their abilities in programs that are offered both by the district and in partnership with community organizations. Participating students will receive specialized instruction and learning opportunities that increase student engagement and success.



## ACADEMIES/SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS



"The World Has Changed  
Education is Changing"

# Students Without Borders Academy (SWBA)

**Who may participate?** Grade 11 and 12 students

**What is the cost?** Approx. \$5,000

Fees include: Airfare, boot camp week at Eagle Bay, all educational fees related to the program, travel and medical insurance, all Odyssey entrances to museums, tropical research institutes, parks, Panama transportation and excursions, room and board.

**Students will complete all requirements for:**

- English 11 or 12
- Intro to Spanish or Spanish 11
- Leadership 11 or 12
- Social Justice 12
- Global Education 12
- Students may receive 2 credits for optional SCUBA certification
- The prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

**How to apply?** Applications become available online at

[www.swba.ca](http://www.swba.ca)

**More details?** Dave Fehr  
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Students Without Borders Academy is an accelerated full semester 20 credit program, where students experience leadership development through active citizenship and adventure programming. SWBA is open to all district grade 11/12 students. The classes are hosted at Kalamalka Secondary, but there is also a component of community involvement. We try to do activities outside of the school, one day per week.

Leadership training through experiential learning is the core of this program. As a result, a significant portion of the program is spent outside of the traditional classroom setting. Students participate in a range of hands-on activities aimed at making a positive contribution. These activities focus on preparing students for our five week international field study in Panama - the crossroads of the world.

This is a unique opportunity to gain leadership skills and a global perspective, combining local activities with an extended international experience. A key benefit is that students are able to do this with other like minded individuals who are ready to make a difference.



**OUT OF CLASSROOM** adventures and highlights of the semester:

September 3-8 initiation/bootcamp at Eagle Bay

Full week hosting of out of province kids with local adventures and leadership retreat – Experiences Canada provincial exchange

Full week travel and tours (with flights) to another province

Weekly connections with local community agencies – becoming community builders

World renowned guest speakers through UBC and others

5 week field study/odyssey to Panama, Central America

- 1 week home stay in a small fishing village
- artisan lessons
- surfing in pacific/scuba in Caribbean
- turtle hatchery vigil - green sea turtles
- primate rehab (howler monkey) volunteering
- coral reef ecology with Smithsonian Institute
- coffee/chocolate/banana fair trade tours
- so much more.....

**ALSO:** SWBA facilitates enjoyable employment (through a local business) for students looking for work to help pay for SWBA fees.

Bursaries are also available for students who qualify.