

Purpose of the Community Schools

Engaging youth and community in support of student learning, stronger families and communities.

Working together to maximize the potential of our communities.

What is a Community School and how it is different than regular schools?

School District No 43 (Coquitlam) endorses the concept of Community Education through the designation of community schools. Schools belong to the community, and community education reflects partnerships with community members, groups and agencies to meet the needs of both education and the communities. Its integrated resources focus on learning, health and social services, youth and community development and community engagement, leading to supported student learning, stronger families and communities.

In Coquitlam the establishment of a community school is in response to the economic, social or cultural needs of students, families and the surrounding community. Through community engagement, community schools promote, encourage and support lifelong learning, to enhance learner's success, strengthen relationships and develop a strong, local community identity.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Coquitlam Community Schools is to create centres with enhanced opportunities, where students, staff, families, residents, agencies and business work together to support student learning, build stronger families and communities.

Community School Vision

In Coquitlam, community schools:

- are caring, collaborative environments in which students, parents, staff and community partners communicate and work effectively with each other;
- set the stage for more active community, volunteer and private sector engagement throughout our student's education;
- are a valued asset to the local community;
- foster healthy youth development and social behavior;
- enhance and enrich learning through formal and informal activities;
- enhance communication between school and the community;

- coordinate and integrate services from government ministries, non-profit organizations and community based organizations;
- provide an opportunity to create partnerships that further enhance the use of resources;
- provide an opportunity for the community, students, staff, parents and residents to address needs specific to their community.

Partnerships, Programs, Services and Events

Community Schools facilitate the concept of community education by providing a variety of programs and services, either directly or in cooperation with other community, government and non-government-agencies. These programs or services could include:

- enhance of the K-12 curriculum by the use of community resources as an integral part of the learning process;
- child, youth and adult development programs;
- family services, such as daycare and parent education classes;
- continuing education services consisting of adult basic education;
- occupational training and career development;
- general interest programs and leisure services.

Community Involvement

Community School Advisory Council

Each community school has an advisory council consisting of parents, school staff, community and partner representatives. This advisory group meets regularly to determine neighbourhood needs, exchange ideas, set priorities, and plan programs, services and events that will benefit the community.

The Community School Advisory Council advises and consults on:

- programming, planning and recommending;
- survey participation and dissemination;
- discussion of and possible recommendations' on community issues;
- supporting the community school, such as: volunteer staffing, communication and the development of a resource bank funding sources and potential volunteers.

The Community School Advisory Council will liaise with the PAC and will meet minimally once per term.

Community School Coordinators

Each community school employs a coordinator whose role is to manage community school programs, coordinate resources and facilities use, liaise between partners and governmental bodies, and act on the recommendations of the council and under the supervision of the principal.

School district No. 43 (Coquitlam)

Community Schools

Miller Park Community School

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Seaview Community School

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Central Community School

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Principal: Nadine Tambellini

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Principal : Todd Clerkson

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