

R.C. Palmer Secondary

HOME OF THE
**PRE-AP/INCENTIVE
PROGRAM**

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*We respectfully acknowledge and thank
the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmiñəm̓ language group*

on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, live, and learn.

What is PRE-AP/INCENTIVE?

- An enriched, accelerated, and more challenging academic program to prepare students for university
- Advocates:
 - critical thinking
 - individual and group work
 - research and presentations



What is PRE-AP/INCENTIVE?

- Cross grade/cross curricular program for students to reach their highest potential
- Program aims to encourage and stimulate self discipline, perseverance, leadership and creativity
- A symbol of excellence & leadership within the school
- Prepares students for AP (Advanced Placement) courses in Grade 12



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Course Details

- Four core subjects: English, Math, Science, and Social Studies (plus four elective subjects outside the program)
- Content is enriched in English & Social Studies, plus accelerated in Math & Science
- Students will complete Math & Science 8, 9, and 10 by the end of their Grade 9 year
- In Grade 10, students may proceed to Enriched Precalculus Math 11 as well as one or more of the Science 11 courses in preparation for eventual enrolment in Advanced Placement courses in Grade 11 and/or 12

Course Progression Details

- By Grade 12, students will be able to take courses in the Advanced Placement (AP) Program

Subject Area	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Humanities 8 Incentive	English 9 Incentive	English 10 Incentive	English 11 Incentive	English 12 (AP English option)
Social Studies		Socials 9 Incentive	Socials 10 Incentive	Socials 11 Incentive	Elective(s) (e.g., History 12, Law 12, etc.)
Typical Mathematics	Math 8	Math 9	Math 10	Math 11	Math 12 (AP Calculus option)
Incentive Mathematics	Math 8/9 Honours	Math 9/10 Honours	Pre-Calculus Math 11 Enriched	Pre-Calculus Math 12	(AP Calculus option)
Typical Science	Science 8	Science 9	Science 10	Science 11 Elective(s) (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics)	Science 11/12 Elective(s) (AP Science options)
Incentive Science	Science 8/9 Incentive	Science 9/10 Incentive	Science 11 Elective(s) (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics)	Science 11/12 Elective(s)	Science 11/12 Electives (AP Science Options)

What are some benefits?

- Sense of community and belonging
- Fieldtrip opportunities to experience cultural and outdoor education, as well as team-building
- Opportunities to foster and enhance leadership skills and a well-rounded personal profile



What are some benefits?

- Material is covered more quickly and in more depth
- Classes of like-minded students of high academic ability and motivation
- Excellent preparation for post-secondary education
- Enhances credentials for scholarships and post-secondary applications



Additional Program Components

- Camp Squamish (Grades 8-10)
- 3 days during mid-October
(usually Thanksgiving week)
- designed to foster intergrade connections & team-building

- Science Fair (Grades 8-10)
- late January or early February;
comprehensive research
project



Additional Program Components

- Camp Strathcona (Grade 8)
- 5 days (Mon–Fri) during first week of May
- outdoor education camp on Vancouver Island

- Pre-AP/Incentive Grade 9 Social Responsibility Component
- 25-hour volunteering requirement

- Oregon Shakespeare Festival (Grade 10)
- 5 days during mid-to-late April
- designed to foster appreciation of performing arts

- Incentive Potluck Dinner/Celebration (all Grades, students & families)
- last Thursday in May (evening event)



Graduating Student Successes

- Typically 90-100% acceptance rate of students graduating from the program by universities and other post-secondary institutions of their choice
- University of British Columbia
- Simon Fraser University
- Queens University
- McGill University
- University of Victoria
- New York University (NYU)
- University of California (San Diego, Davis)
- Emily Carr Institute of Art
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University
- Capilano College
- University of Toronto
- University of Waterloo
- McMaster University
- Western University
- University of Guelph
- Stanford University
- BCIT
- Carnegie Mellon
- University of Pennsylvania
- Langara College

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- Incentive Grads of 2022 are currently attending:
 - UBC (10 students)
 - SFU (3 students)
 - University of Toronto (3 students)
 - University of Waterloo (2 students)
 - University of Ottawa (1 student)
 - University of Western Ontario (1 student)
 - 3 students attending universities outside of Canada, including UC Berkeley and Cornell University

Additional Successes

- Students graduating from the program have earned significant rewards and scholarships at all levels (local, company, university entrance, provincial and national scholarships), including:
 - National-level scholarships such as the Loran Scholarship Award or Schulich Scholarship (\$100,000 to pursue undergraduate degree)
 - Medal finishes at the Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair (UBC), as well as at the Canada-Wide Science Fair
 - Awards on various academic competitions & contests

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Expectations

- Maintain a minimum academic average of “B” or “Proficient” in all courses, demonstrating exemplary behaviour and effort in class
- Demonstrate exceptional citizenship and behaviour in and out of school
- Participate in extra-curricular activities, including school clubs, sports, contests and competitions
- Participate in Camp Squamish, Camp Strathcona & Oregon Shakespeare Festival (Ashland) trips
- Actively engage in continual learning and bettering the life of oneself and others

What is AP (Advanced Placement)?

- First-year university courses offered in high school
- Recognized by prestigious post-secondary institutions across North America and the world
- Current AP courses offered at Palmer include:
 - AP Biology
 - AP English
 - AP Calculus
 - AP Physics
 - AP Chemistry
- These courses are run on-timetable only if enrolment is sufficient; if not, then they may be offered off-timetable
- Other AP courses include Art, Chinese, Computer Science, Economics, German, French, History, Geography, Japanese, Latin, Music Theory, Psychology, Spanish and Statistics
- AP courses may be taken within the IDS course

University	AP course for which credit is given	Used for placement in higher level course
University of British Columbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AP Biology •AP Calculus •AP Chemistry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AP Computer Science •AP English •AP Physics
Simon Fraser University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AP Biology •AP Calculus •AP Chemistry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AP Computer Science •AP English •AP Physics
University Of Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AP Biology •AP Calculus •AP Chemistry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AP Biology •AP Chemistry •AP Computer Science •AP English •AP Physics

1. The above information is only accurate at the time of publishing. For current information please contact the institution or check their website.
2. This list is not exhaustive.

- Provides flexibility in course selection
- Preview of (equivalent to) first-year university courses
- Smaller classes provide more individual attention to increase student achievement
- Successful completion may grant credit or exemption from introductory level courses at university
- Palmer students regularly achieve the maximum possible score on the exams
- UBC research has shown that students who have taken an AP course in high school fare substantially better in first-year college or university

Application Process

1. **Application form (palmerincentive.com/apply)**
2. **Math & English Entrance Exams**
3. School Transfer Application Deadline
4. **Interviews**
5. Acceptance Notification
6. Acceptance Confirmation Deadline (deposit required)

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