



R.C. Palmer Secondary **INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

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***We respectfully acknowledge and thank
the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmiṇəm̓ language group
on whose traditional and unceded territories
we teach, live, and learn.***

What is Incentive?

- Program aims to encourage and stimulate self discipline, perseverance, leadership and creativity
- Striving for excellence & leadership
- Cross grade/cross curricular program for students to reach their highest potential
- Advocates critical thinking, individual as well as group work, research and presentations
- An enriched, accelerated and more challenging academic program to prepare students for university
- Prepares students for AP (Advanced Placement) courses in Grade 12



Typical Progression of Courses in Palmer's Incentive Program

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English	Humanities 8 Incentive		English 9 Incentive	English 10 Incentive	English 11 Incentive	English 12
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 (Pre-Calculus Enriched option)	Math 12 (AP Calculus option)
Incentive Mathematics	Math 8 Inc (Sem 1)	Math 9 Inc (Sem 2)	Math 10 Inc	Math 11 (Pre-Calculus Enriched option)	Math 12	(AP Calculus option)
Typical Science	Science 8		Science 9	Science 10	Science 11 Elective(s) (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)	Science 11/12 Elective(s) (AP Science options)
Incentive Science	Science 8 Inc		Science 9 Inc (Sem 1)	Science 10 Inc (Sem 2)	Science 11 Elective(s) (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)	Science 11/12 Electives (AP Science Options)

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- 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

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- 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

What are some benefits to students?



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

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 8-9)
 - late January or early February; comprehensive research project
- Camp Strathcona (Grade 8)
 - 5 days during first week of May
 - outdoor education on Vancouver Island
- Incentive Gr 9 Social Responsibility Component
 - 25-hour volunteering requirement



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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)?

- Separate from the Incentive Program and available to all Palmer students
- Taken in high school, AP courses are recognized post-secondary institutions
- 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 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
- Current AP courses offered at Palmer include:
 - Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Psychology, Physics

Academic Successes

2022	2023	2024	2025
Courses offered: 4	Courses offered: 3	Courses offered: 5	Courses offered: 5
<p>Scores of 4+:</p> <p>AP Biology AP Calculus AP Chemistry AP Psychology</p>	<p>Scores of 4+:</p> <p>AP Calculus AP Chemistry AP Psychology</p>	<p>Scores of 4+:</p> <p>AP Biology AP Calculus AP Chemistry AP Physics AP Psychology</p>	<p>Scores of 4+:</p> <p>AP Biology AP Calculus AP Chemistry AP Physics AP Psychology</p>
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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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