

ABOUT GLENLYON NORFOLK SCHOOL

Glenlyon Norfolk School (GNS) is a co-ed independent day school for students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 established in 1913. We are the only school in Victoria and on Vancouver Island that is both an International Baccalaureate World Continuum School and a member school of the Round Square. The IB follows an inquiry-based approach which means children are actively engaged in their learning. Our membership in the Round Square is an articulation of ideals that include internationalism, democracy, environmental stewardship, outdoor activity, leadership and service. Our CEEB code is 821660.

Mission: To empower and support each of our students to do their best, through truth and courage, in learning and in life.

Our Vision: Glenlyon Norfolk School prepares outstanding citizens of character who will contribute to the world through their leadership, their commitment to service and their understanding that we are all responsible for the future of our communities.

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLMENT

Applicants compete for admission on the basis of academic achievement, scores on either the SSAT or Stanford Achievement Tests (for international students, SLEP, TOEFL or iTEP), willingness to participate fully in the life of the school, and potential to be successful in our programs. Intake years begin at the Junior Kindergarten/Kindergarten level, with additional spaces added in Grade 6 and Grade 9. The school receives more than 300 applications and enrolls approximately 150 students annually. Our retention rate of more than 90% is indicative of the commitment shown to students by our 68 faculty members in ensuring each is able to succeed throughout their GNS experience.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

All students in Grade 9 to 12s are required to choose a combination of courses that qualifies them for university entry. GNS is a non-semestered school. We are a linear school and our courses run from September to June following an ten-day block schedule and the school year is divided into three academic terms.

In Grades 9 and 10, students cover the BC provincial curriculum within the framework of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP). There are two paths of study at GNS for students in Grades 11 and 12: the full IB Diploma or the IB Diploma Courses route. When making course requests, students are encouraged to consider their own strengths, post-secondary and personal goals, work-life balance and learning needs. Both routes are academically enriched and recognized by post-secondary institutions. All students graduate with the BC Dogwood Diploma.

THE IB DIPLOMA AT GNS

GNS has been an authorized IB Diploma Programme School since 1996. In that time, our students have consistently scored above the world average on their IB exams. We have a high success rate for Diploma candidates, and our 2023 Diploma graduates earned an average 34 points (out of 45), and 5.29 points (out of 7), an exceptional record. GNS offers 30 IB Diploma courses to our students and an average of 44% of our students enrol in the full Diploma Programme.

REPORTING SYSTEM

The school year is divided into three marking periods. Anecdotal report cards are issued at the end of each term to indicate the student's level of performance as it relates to the BC Curricular Competencies and the IB MYP and IB Diploma objectives. GNS does not calculate grade point averages and as such, students are not ranked.

5 YR AVERAGE IB DIPLOMA PASS RATE

GNS	93%	WORLD	83.5%
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5 YR AVERAGE IB DIPLOMA SCORE

GNS	35/45	WORLD	31.2/45
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5 YR AVERAGE SUBJECT SCORE

GNS	5.5/7	WORLD	5/7
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GRADING SCALE

IB Score	Grade 10–12 Converted %	Letter Grade
7	96–100	A
6	90–95	
5	86–89	
4	76–85	B
3	70–75	B/C+
2	60–69	C
1	0–59	C-/F

CLASS OF 2023 BY THE NUMBERS

67	Graduates	201	University Acceptances
2269	Hours of Service in 2022/2023	\$1M	Total Scholarships Offered

GNS BY THE NUMBERS

800	Average student population	18	Average class size
8:1	Student to faculty ratio	10%	Average percentage of international students

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

Athletics: GNS teams compete against public and other independent schools from across the province. Our senior sports include basketball, rowing, rugby, soccer, swimming, badminton, golf, tennis, and track and field for both girls and boys, as well as field hockey and volleyball for girls. We also offer an extensive outdoor education program.

Debate and Public Speaking: GNS has a long tradition and outstanding record of accomplishment in Debate and Public Speaking, regularly placing in the top tier of provincial, national and even international competition.

Fine Arts: Visual Arts, Band, Choir, and Theatre are available to students through IB and provincial courses, and co-curricular activities. Students are required to take at least one Arts course in both Grades 9 and 10.

Leadership: Students are always encouraged to develop their leadership skills, be it as elected school prefects, as organizers of student events like Model UN, or as representatives of the school at Round Square service projects.

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GNS ACCREDITATIONS



UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES: LAST 5 YEARS

Canadian Institutions

Acadia University
Bishop's University
Canadian College of Performing Arts
Carleton University
Concordia University
Dalhousie University
Emily Carr University of Art & Design
McGill University
McMaster University
Metropolitan University
Mt. Allison University
Queen's University
Quest University
Royal Military College
Simon Fraser University
St. Francis Xavier University
Trent University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia - Okanagan
University of British Columbia - Vancouver
University of Calgary
University of Guelph
University of King's College
University of Saskatchewan
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
University of Winnipeg
Vancouver Film School
Vancouver Island University
Western University
Wilfrid Laurier University

American Institutions

Amherst College
Berklee College of Music
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Carnegie Mellon University
Cornell University
Eastman School of Music
Emory University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Harvard University
Johns Hopkins University
Loyola Marymount University
Middlebury College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Pomona College
Purdue University
Rice University
San Francisco Conservatory
Santa Clara University
Stanford University
University of Arizona
University of California - Berkeley
University of California - Davis
University of California - Irvine
University of California - Los Angeles
University of California - Riverside
University of California - San Diego
University of California - Santa Barbara
University of California - Santa Cruz
University of Hawai'i
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Michigan
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rochester
University of Southern California
University of Vermont
University of Washington
Williams College

International Institutions

Asia Pacific University (Malaysia)
Chinese University of Hong Kong (China)
European Business School (Switzerland)
Frankfurt School of Management (Germany)
King's College (UK)
London School of Economics (UK)
Queen Mary University of London (UK)
Sophia University (Japan)
St. Andrew's University (UK)
Oxford University (UK)
University College of Dublin (UK)
University College of London (UK)
University of Edinburgh (UK)
University of Glasgow (UK)
Yokohama University (Japan)