

The Greater Victoria School District Challenge Program at Esquimalt High School's Application for 2021

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Note: Students must choose to apply to either Esquimalt or Mount Doug's Challenge Program- they may not apply to both schools.

Application Process The Challenge Program application includes four pieces:

1) Part One of the application: **Due January 18th, 2021**

- This page is below and can be hand delivered, emailed, or faxed to Esquimalt High.

2) District Testing Session: **Cancelled**

- Due to the extraordinary circumstances of this year Esquimalt High's district testing session has been cancelled.
- Copies of any documents supporting a gifted designation should be included in the applicants portfolio.
- It is not a prerequisite to have gifted testing completed to apply for the program.

3) Student Portfolio: Due **January 25th, 2021** – please submit to Esquimalt High's main office

- Should fit within a binder with the name of the applicant on the spine
- Should include the following formal forms:
 - i. A letter from applicant stating why they wish to be a part of Esquimalt High's Challenge Program
 - ii. Part Two of the application package (found below)
 - iii. The latest transcript of marks or copy of the most recent report card
- May include (but not limited to) the following personal pieces of information represented in a variety of ways:
 - i. Projects, work samples, music samples, sports, creative writing, art pieces, hobbies, work habits, awards, travel experience, family time, community clubs/groups – these should be pieces that reflect the applicants best work, show their passions and interests, and give the selection committee a clear sense of the applicant themselves.
 - ii. We are looking for depth, breadth, and passion. The goal is to showcase how the applicant is exceptional.

- Please do not submit Fresh Grade.

4) Interview: January 25th – 28th 2021

1. Our selection committee will let each applicant know their interview time and place. This year interviews will take place via Zoom.
2. Each applicant should be prepared to talk about themselves – their learning, their passions, and their challenges

Screening:

1. Once all information is received and collated, the screening committee will meet and decisions will be made to:

- i) accept the applicant into the program; or
- ii) place the applicant on a wait list pending available seats in the program; or
- iii) notify the applicant of non-acceptance

2. Esquimalt High School will:

- i) hold all student work and materials, for two weeks post-screening process, for pick up at Esquimalt High School after the selection process is complete
- ii) communicate to parents/guardians regarding the decisions of the screening committee
- iii) establish and maintain a roster of recommended students

3. Appeal Procedure

- a. The Committee will discuss the decision with the parents and with the student, if appropriate.
- b. Upon request of the parents and student, the Screening Committee will reconsider previously and newly submitted information on a student who has not been placed in a gifted program.
- c. The appeal must be received in writing within two weeks of placement notification.

GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #61 CHALLENGE PROGRAM
REGISTRATION STUDENT INFORMATION (Part One)

(Please print)

SURNAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

(YEAR)

(MONTH)

(DAY)

PRESENT SCHOOL: _____

CURRENT GRADE: _____ CONTACT/TAG TEACHER: _____

WILL YOU ALSO BE APPLYING FOR FRENCH IMMERSION: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE (if applicable): _____

CELL PHONE (if applicable): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Parent/Guardian Consent:

I / we give consent for _____ to apply to
Esquimalt High's Challenge Program

• I / we accept responsibility for ensuring that this application is complete and all items listed in the check list are included and submitted by the deadline. (Program personnel will not assume responsibility for calling for missing items.)

•• I / we give consent for group and/or individual intellectual and/or academic tests to be administered. I / We understand that we must assume responsibility for the transportation to / and from Esquimalt High School and the testing location for the purposes of admission testing.

(Parent / Guardian Signature) (Student Signature)

FAX, MAIL or DELIVER TO ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL

FAX: 250-361-1263 E-MAIL: esquimalt@sd61.bc.ca

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PART 2

Esquimalt Challenge Program

(To be completed by student and submitted by January 25th in portfolio)

Name: _____

Present School: _____

- 1) List your past and present involvement with clubs and organizations and/or extra-curricular activities. Include length of involvement, positions held, and recognition received.

- 2) List hobbies and interests including sports, family activities, collections, games, traveling, etc. Outline the extent and duration of your involvement.

- 3) Describe what you like most about school and subjects and why.

- 4) Describe what you like least about school and subjects and why.

- 5) In what area or what topic do you feel you are knowledgeable? Please explain.