# World Class in Every Way Sports School at Whistler For School-Age Competitive Skiers



"For ski racers, balancing athletics and academics can be a big challenge. Whistler's Sports School and the WMSC offer just the right balance, a winning combination in the classroom and on the ski slopes." -Rob Boyd



"At this school you get the best coaching, best schooling, best mountain. Come and be the 'Best with the Best'." -Steve Podborski









## Whistler Secondary Sports School





## Site of the 2010 Olympic & Paralympic Winter Games

### Whistler Mountain Ski Club



The Whistler Mountain Ski Club provides world-class racing and training opportunities for young ski racers from age 11 in all Alpine disciplines. A large selection of athletes on the Provincial and National Teams attests to the premier level of the Club's ski racing programs. The Club is a not-for-profit organization run by parents and associates who have extensive experience in organizing National and International events. The Club founded and runs The Whistler Cup, which has evolved into a world-class juvenile event. Last year, this event attracted over 300 racers from 20 countries, promising some of the best competition in the world for young alpine ski racers. We have a talented and enthusiastic group of 20 coaches and the positive results in competition over the last few years has rated our program as one of the best in Canada.

### Whistler Secondary's "Sports School"

The Sports School at Whistler Secondary exists for students who are committed to ski racing through the Whistler Mountain Ski Club. Students who want to attend the Sports School must prove they have the commitment and determination to train at a competitive level of ski racing, which requires absence from regular classes for two full days of training in Whistler each week, and for extended absenses for training and competing away. One teacher/ counsellor acts as a liaison between Sports School students, teachers, coaches, and parents/guardians. This teacher meets regularly with students/coaches/parents to review progress and modify timetables on an individual basis. Students are also expected to take responsibility for self-directed study periods at home and away, and to participate in study sessions scheduled by coaches while away. When at home, students are grouped in the same homeroom class and, as much as possible, are placed together in academic classes.

#### Whistler Blackcomb



#### WHISTLER BLACKCOMB

Consistently ranked as North America's top ski and snowboard resort, Whistler Blackcomb is located a scenic two-hour drive north of Vancouver up the spectacular 'Sea to Sky' Highway. Whistler Blackcomb is proud to be a venue for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The resort is home to the continent's two greatest vertical-rise ski mountains – Whistler and Blackcomb. With over 14 alpine bowls, four glaciers, 200 trails, 8,171 acres of skiable terrain and a one mile vertical rise, the choices of where and what to ski at Whistler Blackcomb from beginner to advanced terrain are staggering. Members of the Whistler Mountain Ski Club and students attending Whistler Secondary or any other school in School District 48 Howe Sound receive a significant discount on an unlimited dual mountain season's pass.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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