# Kalamalka Secondary School

http://kalamalka.sd22.bc.ca

Vernon, British Columbia,



AKA: "Kal"

First opened: 1975

Address: 7900 McClounie Rd, Vernon, BC V1B 1P8 Total student population: 720

Website: http://kalamalka.sd22.bc.ca

**Grades:** 8 - 12

Average class size: 27 students
Average ESL class size: 8 students
Total student population: 720

**Staff:** 38

**School hours:** 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM/ 4 – 80 minute class

**School mission:** "Our mission is to foster achievement, self-esteem and social responsibility, in a safe, supportive, and progressive environment."

**About Kal:** Kalamalka Secondary School is located in the lovely neighbourhood of Coldstream near Kalamalka Lake. Kal is an active school with a strong academic, athletic, and social tradition involving students from all grades and backgrounds. Kal prides itself on maintaining high expectations of its students in their academic and extracurricular pursuits. Many students attending Kal have been going to school together since they were young, creating a strong family atmosphere in the school.

**Academics:** Kal offers a broad range of subjects suitable to all students' educational goals and needs. Some highlights of the KAL programs include:

- Digital Photography
- French and Spanish language courses for beginners/non-native speakers
- Advanced Placement English Literature program (only school in the district offering AP course)
- Dynamic courses in the Social Sciences including Sociology and Psychology
- A Geology senior course that offers students exploratory learning experience travelling to the Rocky Mountains
- An ESL department offering comprehensive instruction covering all levels and abilities







### **Electives:**

- The Apple Box Theatre Company is gem in the North Okanagan. Often recognized as one of the most creative drama programs in the district, coordinating a full-scale musical production, in addition to the traditional theatrical production.
- Excellent music programs for students including both jazz and concert bands and a choir. The Band program has 4 year rotation of travelling performances for student to experience at KAL. The travel itinerary include trips to Disney Performing Arts Program, (Los Angeles, CA.), Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival (Moscow, Idaho) ABA Provincial Festival of Bands (Red Deer, Alberta) and University of Victoria Vancouver Island.
- Home to the School District#22's only Advanced Placement Art Program programs including visual media and traditional studio art courses.
- Student in the Film and TV program produce "TWAK", a weekly video account of life at KAL, as well opportunity to create unique video projects.
- Trade facilities include a variety of woodworking machines.

- Girls' volleyball and basketball teams are reigning provincial champions; highly competitive
- Boys' golf team ranked in the top 5 provincially
- Boys' rugby, volleyball teams ranked in the top 10 provincially
- Access to Hockey Canada Skills Academy and the Vancouver Whitecaps Soccer Academy operated district-wide







- Extra-Curricular/Specialized Programs:
- Kal Carnival to kick off the year which is a fundraising event that includes "Kal Idol" a singing competition for Kal students
- Strong music program including jazz and concert bands and a brand new choir program. The school bands have one trip per year to destinations like Disneyland, Idaho, and Vancouver Island.
- SPAM group (Social Political Awareness Movement) which coordinates events to raise the social awareness of the Kal community. Past events have included food drives at Christmas, student volunteer time in the local soup kitchens, and a trip to Central America to work on a Habitat for Humanity building site.





### **Courses Offered:**

English

English Literature

Advanced Placement (AP) English

Literature

Creative Writing

Geography History

Law

Psychology

Sociology Peer Tutoring

Leadership

Math

Biology

Chemistry Earth Sciences

**Physics** Calculus

Advanced Placement (AP) Art

Visual Arts: Drawing & Painting Studio Arts

Acting

Directing & Scriptwriting

Musical Theatre

Theatrical Production Drama: Film & Television

Music: Concert Band

Music: Jazz Band

Music: Composition & Technology

Choral Music

Stagecraft Business Education

Computer Applications Information Technology

Entrepreneurship

Digital Photography, Photoshop &

Design Marketing Drafting

Electronics

Woodworking

Carpentry & Joinery

Foods & Nutrition

Fashion Merchandising & Design

Textiles Yearbook

Physical Education

Activity for Life

Strength & Conditioning Women's Health & Fitness

French

Japanese Spanish

## **Student Groups:**

Jazz Band Concert Band

Choir

Guitar Club

Art Club

Graduation

Leadership

Student Voice

Team Green

Yearbook

Homework Club

Games Room

Recycling

Soccer

Basketball

Volleyball

Football Rugby

Golf

Tennis

Cross Country Running Intramural Sports