



Odyssey Program

A K-9 community for alternative learners in Maple Ridge School District No. 42

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Introduction

Odyssey is a K-9 school program where the learning is designed and developed by our teaching staff in an alternative way to meet the needs of students and parents who want to combine home and school learning as a partnership. Odyssey is committed to providing quality educational instruction and support to students and families who want to pursue a program that is flexible and individualized. We offer a variety of learning experiences to support the personal and social needs of the developing learner. Our goal is to offer learning experiences and options that enhance each student's intellectual, personal and social development, as well as, provide enriching experiences, within a blended educational program.

We value the potential within each learner by reducing the constraints of time, space, classrooms and curriculum. We celebrate a learner's uniqueness and value individual paths of learning based on the learner's needs, interests and inherent curiosity.

Odyssey is a program for families who are looking for alternatives in SD42. We follow the B.C. Ministry of Education's curriculum and core competencies when developing goals. At our resource centre, your teacher will select appropriate, ministry approved learning resources. Students will attend a weekly educational session with their teacher, as well as, group classes which will cover Physical and Health Education, Fine Arts, Applied Designs Skills and Technologies and Career Education. Students are also encouraged to attend our biweekly field trips.

Registration Process

Enrolling for the program

If you are interested in enrolling in the program, please call 778-908-4761 or email brenda_peekles@sd42.ca to set up an intake meeting. Our staff will meet with your family to explain the program and answer any questions you might have.

Documentation to Enroll

Please note that a photocopy of the student's birth certificate is required and verification that the parents/guardians are ordinarily resident in BC is required.

Goal setting for each term

Students and parents will meet with their Odyssey teacher each term to create goals for the child's learning, which meet the requirements of the BC curriculum learning standards and core competencies. The parent(s), student and teacher meet regularly to provide 1-1 instruction and support, celebrate accomplishments, hand in completed work, and reflect on learning goals.

Student Led Conferences

At the end of each term, the parent(s), learner and teacher will meet to celebrate and evaluate the accomplishments of the term, review the report card, and plan for the next term.

Reporting

The Odyssey teachers will provide on-going formative and summative assessments for the purposes of reporting on each student as per our school district student reporting practices at K to 9.



Roles and Responsibilities

Learner's Role

Odyssey values learners taking ownership of their education through exploring their passions, setting goals and developing personal awareness and responsibility. Knowing how to plan, refine and adapt, and reflect on one's work is vital to students' growth towards independence.

Students in the Odyssey program:

- Participate in the individualized goal setting each term
- Actively participate in the Odyssey program learning community
- Value their individual learning processes, celebrate success, and work through problems
- Take ownership of their learning
- Manage their time, self-assess, and develop personal goal-setting strategies

Parent/Guardian's Role in the Odyssey Program

Odyssey values parents as part of the learner's support network. Parents encourage their child to participate in a variety of learning experiences in our blended educational program. Parents can ensure a child's needs are fully met for they know the child best.

The parent/guardian(s) of a learner in the Odyssey Program will:

- Encourage their child to attend group classes, field trips and 1-1 instruction time
- Help their child to set goals for each term and support their child's learning

Odyssey Teacher's Role

The Odyssey Program values educators for their many roles in student-centered learning. Teachers facilitate, challenge and encourage learners to explore and expand their understanding. We value trust and collaboration as the foundation of the student/teacher relationship.

The Odyssey teacher will:

- Collaborate with parent and student to create and maintain individualized learning goals for each term
- Provide weekly 1-1 instruction, as well as group classes and field trip opportunities
- Provide lessons, resources and activities to meet the relevant BC learning standards and core competencies
- Guide, encourage and assess student progress and provide feedback;
- Individualize learning expectations through adaptations and/or modifications for students with learning needs and provide access to district level supports when needed

District Programs and Student Services

District Services

Students enrolled with Odyssey are able to access all district programs including:

- Sessions for gifted students
- Aboriginal support and activities
- Athletics
- Academies (hockey, soccer, equestrian)
- Drama programs

Student Services

- ELL
- Psycho-educational assessments
- Learning assistance
- Individualized Education Plans for students with learning needs
- Counseling
- Access to district support services