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# Global and Intercultural Skills Pilot (GISP)

**Expand Your  
Potential, Engage  
Your World**

BCCIE Summer Conference  
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Vancouver, B.C.





# GISP

- Acknowledges importance of intercultural knowledge, skills and global competence for B.C. students
- Supports new B.C. Curriculum promoting communication, critical thinking and personal and social competencies
- Aligns with emergence of interculturalization as an area of focus for K-12 and post-secondary contexts

## TIMELINE

- ❑ Nov. '15 – K-12 GISP Working Group Meeting
- ❑ May '16 – K-12 & PSI GISP Working Group Meeting
- ❑ Sept. '16 – Pilot Year 1 Begins
- ❑ Mar. '17 – Pilot Year 1 Evaluation
- ❑ Sept. '17 – Pilot Year 2 Begins
- ❑ Nov. '17 – GISP Support Materials Pilot Group Meeting
- ❑ Summer '18 – GISP Support Materials Launch

# GISP Benefits



- Promotes and recognizes the development of intercultural knowledge and skills by B.C. students, preparing them for work and life in an increasingly globalizing world.
- Fosters a more welcoming and interculturally sensitive environment for international students who choose to come to B.C. for study.

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**It's really cool to see your own life and your own culture through a different lens. It opens your eyes to another way of thinking, or of interpreting your life.**

**Markus  
GISP Student**

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## Requirements



Students complete coursework in  
**THREE STRANDS.**

### Strand 1

Global and Intercultural Studies  
Foundational Courses

- Global and Intercultural Studies (GIS)
- Global and Intercultural Experience (GIE)

### Strand 2

Additional Language  
Study

### Strand 3

Elective Courses  
w/intercultural focus

# GISP

## Current Pilot Participants



### Public School Districts

- School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain)
- School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake)
- School District No. 34 (Abbotsford)
- School District No. 41 (Burnaby)
- School District No. 60 (Peace River North)
- School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
- School District No. 62 (Sooke)

### Independent Schools

- The High School at Vancouver Island University  
(Vancouver Island)
- St. Michaels University School (Vancouver Island)

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You learn more about yourself and your own culture. You get to see the differences and see what you can learn from differences and get to know new people.

Shae  
Grade 11

# GISP Post-Secondary Opportunities



Opportunities that may be available to students who successfully complete GISP requirements and graduate Grade 12:

- Scholarships
- Prerequisite waivers
- Work opportunities as international student ambassadors (or similar role)
- Advanced standing in post-secondary intercultural certificate programs

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**Post-secondary institutions are going to be looking for these intercultural competencies and skills more and more.**

**Reid Litster  
School District No. 61**

# GISP Supporting Materials



The following supporting materials are currently in development:

- **Instructional samples**
- **Communication materials**
- **Gallery of Experiences**

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**The content was well-received overall, and students consistently demonstrated an increased skillset as the semester went on**

**-Andrew McIlvaney  
GISP Teacher**