

ACADEMICS +

STUDENT ENRICHMENT & ACADEMIES

2026-2027 Program Guide

WHAT SETS UNISUS APART?

At UNISUS, Academics+ is more than a curriculum - it's our philosophy.

In addition to offering a world-class academic program, we also provide an exciting and diverse array of extra-curricular opportunities that ignite each student's interests and passions: whether that is through holistic athlete training in one of our Scholar-Athlete Academies, our Enrichment programs curated to help students develop skills and passion in an area of interest, or through Future Ready Program which focuses on soft skill development, our Academics+ program empowers students to pursue academics and acquire future-ready skillsets.

Research shows that students are more successful when they are engaged in learning that reflects their interests and aspirations. At UNISUS, Academics+ intentionally create opportunities for students to explore their passions, develop mastery, and build a portfolio of skills and experiences that prepares them for future success.



K-5 ENRICHMENT

- Broad exposure to an array of interest areas during academic calendar
- Build basic competence



GR. 6-8 ENRICHMENT

- Deeper exploration of 2 to 3 areas of interest
- Develop skillsets
- Separate from academic calendar

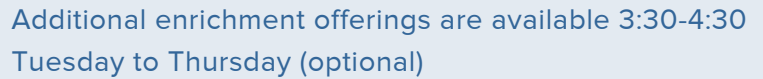


GR. 6-12 ACADEMIES & CAREER PATHWAYS

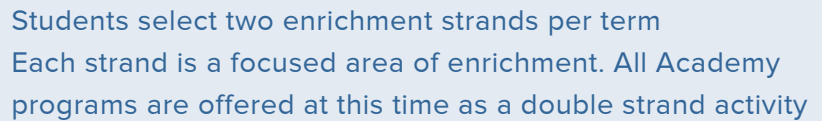
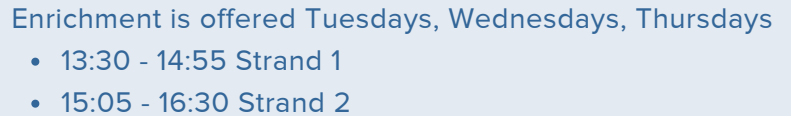
- Focus on an area of interest
- Deepen competencies and knowledge
- Explore & build career pathways
- Build expertise, gain experience

A young man with curly brown hair, wearing a blue short-sleeved shirt and blue shorts, is captured in mid-air, reaching up with both hands to hit a volleyball. The volleyball is white with red and green stripes. He is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing right. In the background, a volleyball net is visible, and another person is seen sitting on a wooden bench. The floor is a light-colored wooden gymnasium floor. The overall scene is an indoor sports setting.

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GRADES 6 - 12



ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

ENRICHMENT / ACADEMY

*Once students are in Grade 10 and up, they may only be able to access these afternoons twice per week depending on their schedule.

UNISUS ENRICHMENT FOR GRADES 6-12

To prepare students for a fast-evolving, digitally advanced, and interconnected world, our Enrichment Program focuses on:

- Applying real-world skills through hands-on experiences in technology and entrepreneurship, the arts, sports, and outdoor education
 - Developing creativity, confidence, and self-expression through purposeful projects and performance
 - Building physical literacy, health, and resilience through structured sport and wellness practices
 - Building resilience, teamwork, and environmental awareness through meaningful outdoor experiences
 - Supporting academic growth through targeted enrichment and extension opportunities
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Sports & Athletics

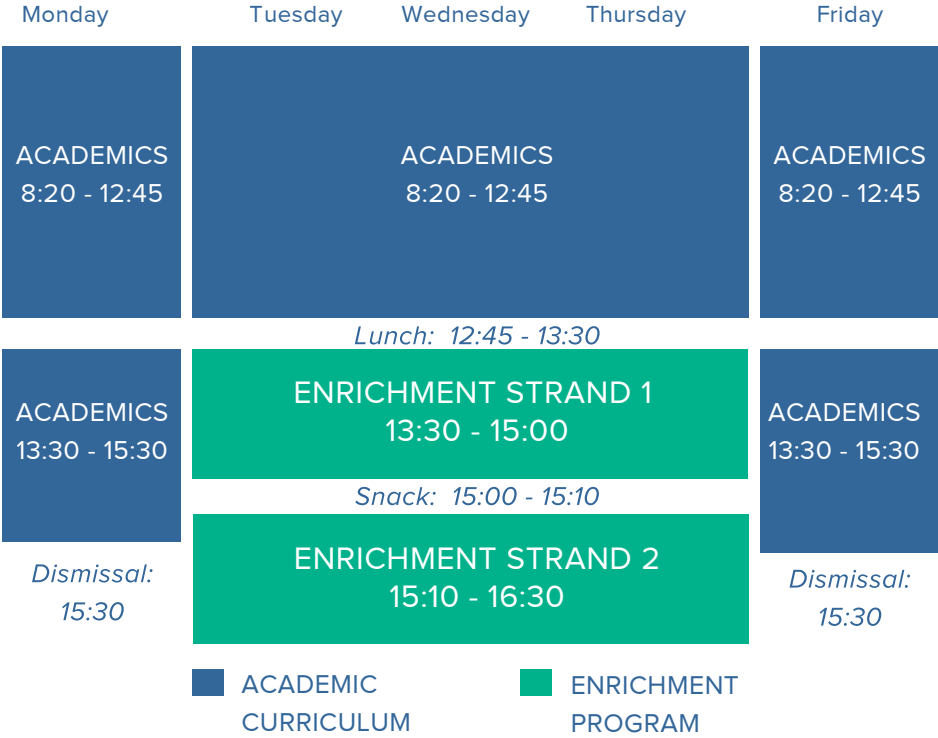
Academic Enrichment
& Volunteering

Music & Visual
Arts

Outdoor Education

Science, Technology &
Entrepreneurship

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS



STRAND 1 OPTIONS

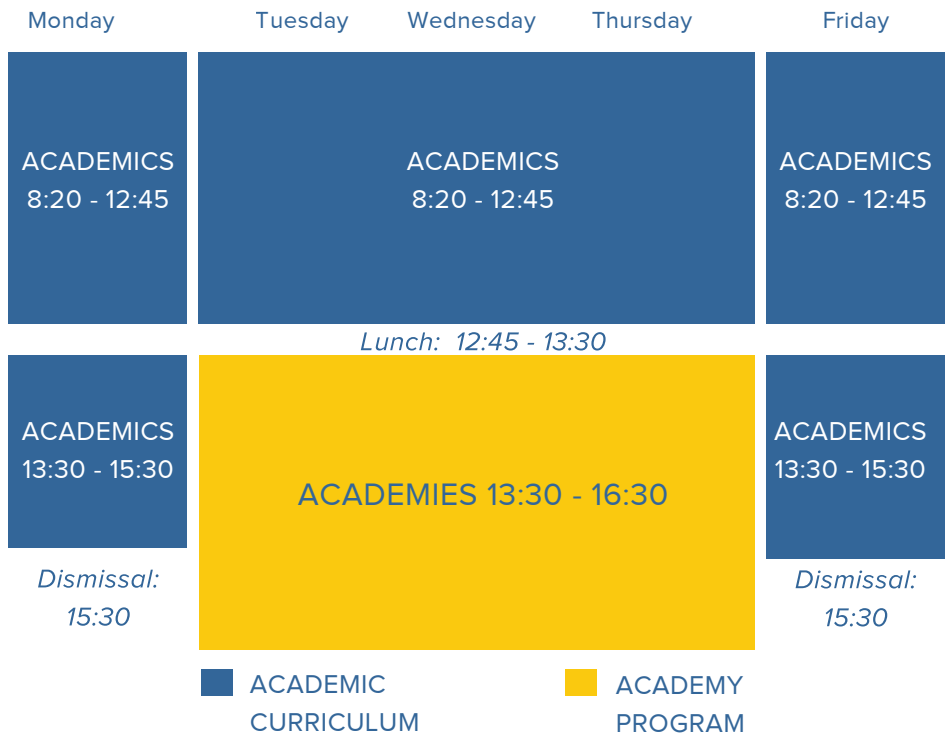
- Music
- Outdoor Education
- STEM & Entrepreneurship
- Study Hall & Independent Projects (Grades 9-12)
- T2 Volleyball Skills & Teams (fall)
- BCSS School Sports Soccer (fall)
- Hockey On-ice Skills Program (fall)

STRAND 2 OPTIONS

- Visual Fine Arts
- Drama Production
- Golf (spring)
- Study Hall & Independent Projects (Grades 9-12)
- T2 Volleyball Skills & Teams (winter, spring)
- Digital Storytelling (Grades 9-12)

All schedules and prices are listed for 2026-2027

ACADEMY PROGRAMS



ACADEMY OPTIONS (13:30-14:30 T/W/Th)

- Hockey Academy
- Soccer Academy
- Snowsports Academy
- Motorsports Academy

NOTES:

- Motorsports and Soccer are full year programs
- Hockey is offered in fall and winter. Students select Enrichment activities for the spring terms
- Snowsports students can choose an Enrichment strand 1 option in the fall and spring terms

MUSIC ENRICHMENT

Develop creativity, confidence, and self-expression through the power of music.

Ignite your passion for music through a dynamic, hands-on program designed for both beginners and experienced students alike. Throughout the year, students explore a variety of musical disciplines including instruments, rock band, songwriting, digital music production, and performance, while building confidence, creativity, collaboration, and technical skill.

Guided by expert instructors, students set personal and group goals and have opportunities to perform, collaborate, and contribute to school productions.



TIMETABLE

- 13:30-15:00 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday



PROVIDERS

- Dustin McGifford is an Okanagan-based musician, producer, and educator who teaches instruments, songwriting, and digital music production, helping students build confidence, creativity, and a lifelong love of music.
- Dave Barber is an award-winning Penticton musician, songwriter, performer, and educator who has toured across North America and performs with the Juno-nominated bluegrass group The High Bar Gang.



COST

- \$300 per term
- Includes instruction, subscriptions, and supplies
- This is a group based program. Students interested in one-on-one lessons can register separately



FALL

Music Theory (Keyboard-Based Learning) - Students explore chords, scales, rhythm, melody, and songwriting foundations through practical keyboard-based learning.

Rock Band (Guitar-Based Learning) - Students rehearse songs, collaborate as a band, and prepare for live performance experiences.

Instrument Exploration - Students explore a variety of instruments while building rhythm, coordination, confidence, and foundational musical skills.

Performance Opportunity: Christmas Concert - Students showcase their learning through a live holiday performance for the school community.

WINTER

Digital Music Production - Students create beats, produce music, and explore recording, mixing, and sound design using modern music software.

Group Guitar (Guitar-Based Learning) - Students build guitar skills through chords, rhythms, riffs, and song learning in a collaborative group environment.

Improvisation & Musical Expression (Keyboard-Based Learning) - Students develop creativity, confidence, and expressive performance skills through improvisation activities and musical exploration.

Performance Opportunity: School Musical - Students contribute musically to the school production through accompaniment, performance, or production support.

SPRING

Recording & Production - Students learn how music is recorded, edited, layered, and produced in a studio-style environment.

Rock Band & Guitar - Students continue developing performance, collaboration, and instrumental skills through band rehearsals and live music experiences.

Songwriting & Composition - Students explore melody writing, lyrics, chord progressions, and arrangement while developing their own artistic voice.

Performance Opportunity: Year-End Talent Show - Students celebrate their growth through live performance opportunities at the school's year-end showcase.

STEM & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Prepare to thrive in a rapidly changing, highly digital, technical, and connected world.

The UNISUS Technology & Entrepreneurship Enrichment Program equips students to think creatively, communicate with confidence, and build meaningful, real-world solutions. Through a three-day cycle, students explore innovation inspired by nature, develop digital communication skills, and bring their own ideas to life through entrepreneurial and science-based projects.

BIOMIMICRY – INNOVATION INSPIRED BY NATURE

Students explore how nature solves complex challenges—and apply these principles to design the next generation of sustainable innovations. From materials to systems thinking, this program encourages students to think differently: solving human problems in harmony with the natural world.

METaverse & SPARK SPEAK – CREATE & CONNECT

Students develop confidence and clarity in communication while building in digital environments. Through Spark Speak, they learn to pitch ideas, present with impact, and express themselves through debates, storytelling, and presentations. This is paired with hands-on creation in emerging digital spaces, building fluency in how ideas are shared in a modern world.

GLOBAL DEMAND



INNOVATION PROJECTS – BUILD, TEST, COMPETE

Students apply their learning through self-directed projects—either launching their own entrepreneurial ventures or developing science-based innovations. Projects can be taken to the next level through participation in regional and provincial competitions, including science fairs connected to leading institutions such as UBC. Students will have the opportunity to be mentored by accomplished local entrepreneurs!

A UNIQUE UBC, W WEST AND UNISUS PARTNERSHIP

We are proud to partner with W West at UBC, bringing their inquiry-driven approach to science into our program.

UBC educators will join our enrichment sessions throughout the year, sharing their perspective on interdisciplinary, real-world scientific exploration.

Students will also have opportunities to connect directly with the UBC community through campus visits and engagement with students in UBC's science programs—offering inspiration, mentorship, and a glimpse into future pathways.



TIMETABLE

- 13:30-15:00 Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday



PROVIDER

- Dr. Barbara Hofmann is a highly experienced science educator with 15 years in the classroom and a Ph.D. in Geotechnical Engineering. She is known for inspiring students through inquiry-driven learning, helping them develop critical thinking, creativity, and a passion for science
- W West at UBC Okanagan



COST

- \$300 per term. This includes resources, subscription, materials, some startup costs



VISUAL ARTS

Unlock your creativity through beautiful art work in oil, acrylics, watercolours and sketching.
Be amazed at your artistic talents!

Fuel your artistic passion with three days of painting a week to master your creative skillset! Modules are offered in acrylics and oils, watercolours and sketching. You will learn how to recognize and mix unique colours found in paintings, understand depth and light, re-create masterpieces, and then create your own masterpiece. You will have the opportunity to create a digital portfolio of your work and participate in local art exhibitions.

Learning outcomes include:

- Colour theory and brush strokes. Learn to paint portraits, landscapes and still life. Study watercolours, acrylics and oils
- Sketching, portraits, acrylics with oil, learning depth. Study of master's original paintings through replication
- Learning to master your own creations and compositions, creatively or from photos



TIMETABLE

- 15:10-16:30 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday



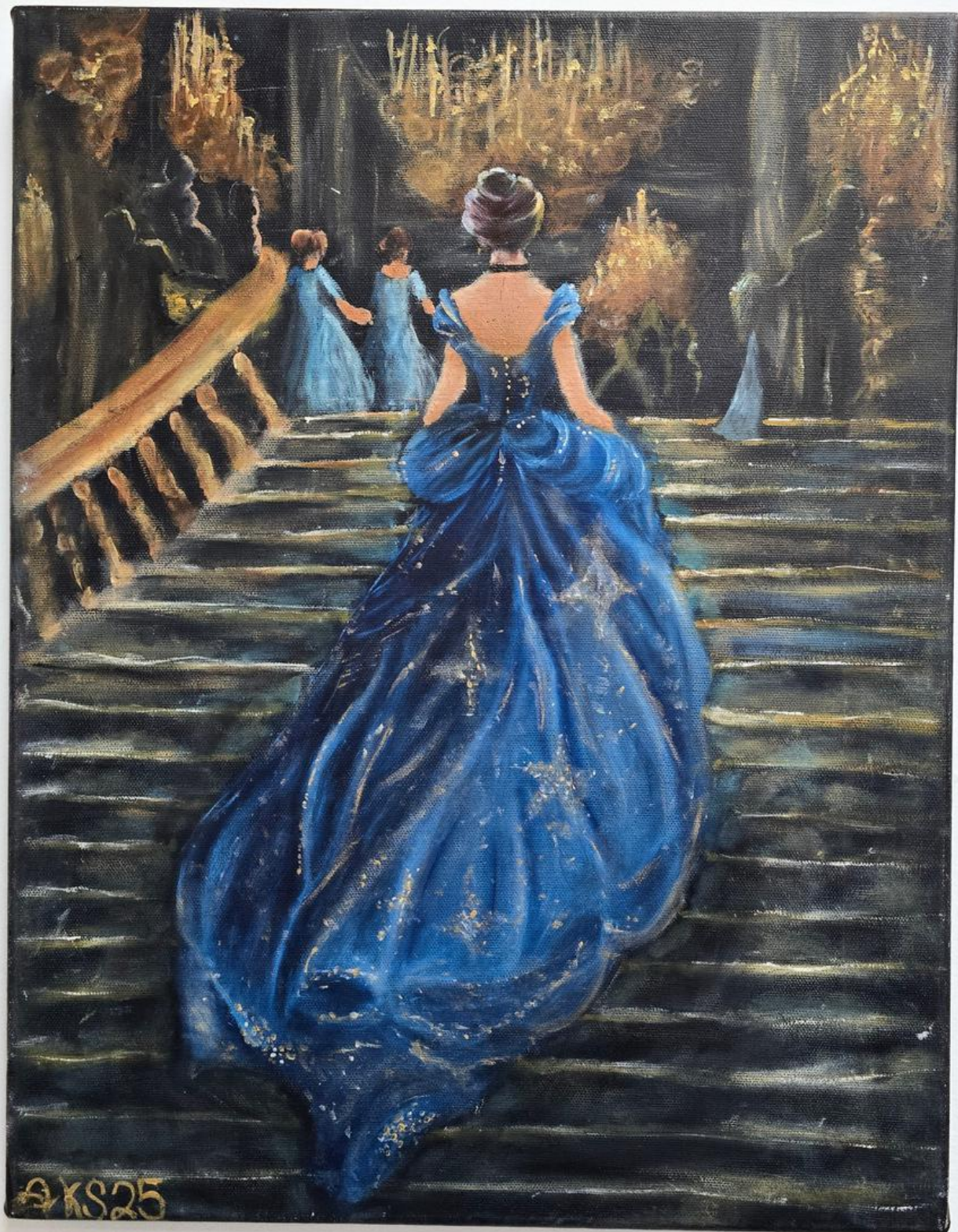
PROVIDER

- Tammy of Brush2Canvas Studios builds confidence through step-by-step painting of masterworks. She believes anyone can paint and helps students find their own creative voice



COST

- \$500 per term, including supplies and instruction costs



Cinderella
Acrylic/Oil Overlay
Artist: Asees Kaur Sidhu
UNISUS, Grade 8

DRAMA PRODUCTION TEAM

Create. Collaborate. Shine.

Step into the spotlight - or work behind the scenes - as part of the UNISUS Production Team. Each year, our whole school comes together to bring a major musical to life. Last year: Mission Implausible. This year? Come find out! Students also contribute to monthly school assemblies, building skills in performance, production, and creative teamwork.

Explore Roles In:

- Performance: Acting, singing, dancing
- Production: Directing, stage management, script supervision
- Design: Costumes, sets, props
- Tech: Lighting, sound, multimedia
- Media & Marketing: Photography, videography, promotions
- Event Support: Front-of-house, guest experience

You'll help with auditions, rehearsals, and performance planning—gaining real-world experience while building confidence and collaboration.

Whether you're on stage or backstage, this is your chance to lead and let your talents shine.



TIMETABLE

- 15:10 - 16:30 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday



PROVIDER

- Drama and arts specialists



COST

- No cost





DIGITAL STORYTELLING

See it. Shoot it. Share it with the world.

The UNISUS Digital Storytelling Program develops the creative, technical, and communication skills used by today's photographers, videographers, content creators, and marketing professionals. Students learn photography, videography, drone imaging, editing, and visual storytelling while building a portfolio of professional-quality work.

Through hands-on projects, students explore how images and video shape perception, communicate ideas, and tell compelling stories. Working with professional equipment and industry-standard techniques, students learn the complete creative process—from concept and planning through capture, editing, and publication.

Students will have opportunities to create content for personal portfolios, school initiatives, community projects, and real-world audiences, gaining valuable experience while developing highly transferable skills for future studies, entrepreneurship, and careers in media, communications, marketing, and design.

This is your chance to learn how powerful stories are created and shared.



TIMETABLE

- 15:10-16:30 Tuesday and Thursday, Grades 9+



PROVIDER

- Heiko Ryll is a commercial photographer and educator with 25+ years of experience working with international brands and mentoring aspiring visual storytellers. He serves as Photography Director at Tempest Theatre & Film Society and teaches at MacEwan University



COST

- \$150 per term - material fee

OUTDOOR EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

Explore. Connect. Thrive.

At UNISUS, we believe in the transformative power of the natural world. Our Outdoor Education Enrichment Program invites students to develop environmental awareness, stewardship, and a lasting connection to nature, while building confidence, resilience, and leadership along the way.

Anchored in the heart of the Okanagan's stunning and diverse landscapes, this year-round program provides students with immersive, hands-on learning experiences across all three seasons—fall, winter, and spring. Each term introduces a new curriculum inspired by the changing environment and rooted in sustainability, adventure, and exploration. More than just time outside, this program is designed to complement academic learning with real-world skills and mindsets — fostering curiosity, courage, and character in every student.

This year, students aged 14+ will have the opportunity to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Level Award. The Award is a personal challenge designed to focus on an individual's goals and interests. Students will take part in meaningful activities in the areas of Voluntary Service, Skill Development and Physical Recreation, culminating with an Adventurous Journey.

The program blends:

- Adventure activities such as hiking, snowshoeing, and rock climbing
- Team-building and leadership development in real-world settings
- Environmental literacy, sustainability and community focus

Off-Site Day and Overnight Experiences:

Students will partake in bi-weekly experiences away from campus, offering an immersive experience for students to learn in the field, while exploring the greater Okanagan area.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in three overnight camping experiences throughout the year - fall, winter and spring. Each camp's focus and specific logistics will be shared closer to the experience.

Focus per Term/Season:

- Fall: Camping, hiking, cycling, navigation, outdoor cooking, and adventure skills.
- Winter: Skiing, snowshoeing, winter ecology, mountain safety, and wilderness first aid.
- Spring: Rock climbing, paddlesports, leadership development, teamwork, and community engagement.



TIMETABLE

- 13:30 - 15:00 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday



PROVIDER

- Katherine Krupka is an outdoor and experiential educator with a background in outdoor leadership, climbing instruction, and adventure-based learning
- With experience guiding multi-day expeditions, coaching youth, and leading outdoor education programs, she helps students build confidence, resilience, leadership, and connection through meaningful outdoor experiences



COST

- \$350 per term, including venue admission, equipment rental, travel. Additional fees may be applied for longer, optional trips



BC School Sports (BCSS) Skills and Teams - Soccer

Develop your skills. Play with purpose. Compete as a team.

Students train within the UNISUS Soccer Academy for the on-pitch portion of the program in age- and skill-based groupings, working closely with our UEFA-certified coach within the Everton system.

Through three sessions per week, players build strong technical foundations, develop game understanding, and progress in team play —preparing for UNISUS BCSS teams (by age group) with the goal of competing at the provincial level in November.

Go UNISUS Giants!



TIMETABLE

- 13:30 - 15:00 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (fall until mid November)



PROVIDER

- UNISUS UEFA Certified Coach - Everton System



COST

- \$400 all inclusive including local travel. Includes UNISUS Giants team kit (some charges may apply for lower mainland travel in case of provincial qualifications)



T2 Skills and Teams - Volleyball

From fundamentals to competition - elevate your volleyball game.

Led by Tammy Thomas of T2 Volleyball, this program is designed to be more than a team—it is a long-term athlete development pathway focused on skill mastery, game understanding, confidence, and leadership through sport.

Fall training focuses on building strong technical foundations through high-repetition, game-connected learning in passing, serving, attacking, defensive movement, and team systems. As athletes progress, training evolves into tactical gameplay, communication, positional awareness, and performance under pressure.

Depending on the cohort, students may form UNISUS teams to compete in BCSS, scrimmages, friendlies, or showcase tournaments. Open to both UNISUS and local community athletes, the program is designed to build a strong, competitive, and values-driven volleyball culture within the school and broader community. We will also be offering a Sunday Skills Development Program open to the public for grades 6/7 and 8/9.



TIMETABLE

- 13:30 - 15:00 Tues, Wed, Thurs (fall until mid November)
- 15:10 - 16:30 Tues, Thurs (winter, spring)
- 12:30-1:30 Sundays (fall until mid November)



PROVIDER

- Lead Coach: Tammy from T2Volleyball



COST

- \$495 for fall term. Includes local travel and team kit
- \$350 for Sunday Skills program
- \$450 for winter/spring term





Golf - Skills and Tournaments

Build your swing. Play the course. Elevate your game.

Delivered in partnership with the Summerland Golf Club, students train with professional instructors to build strong fundamentals, technique, and confidence on the course.

Spring programming includes two levels: a beginner group focused on skill development (13:30–15:00, Tuesday and Thursday), and a junior competitor group (15:30–17:30, Tuesday+Thursday, Wednesday 15:05–16:30) for students looking to elevate their game through on-course play and tournament experience.

This program serves as a pathway into a more fall + spring training including simulator integration in November and December months, and opportunities to participate in BCSS and zone-level tournament play.



TIMETABLE

- Beginner: 13:30 - 15:00 Tues + Thurs (spring)
- Jr. Competitor: 15:30 - 17:30 Tues-Thurs (spring+fall 2027, pending sign ups)



PROVIDER

- Summerland Golf Club Golf Coaches



COST

- Beginner: \$400 does not include SGCC membership
- Jr competitor: \$950 includes SGCC membership



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Golf & Country Club

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UNISUS SOCCER ACADEMY

Develop your skills. Play with purpose. Compete at the next level.

The UNISUS Soccer Academy is partnered with Everton Affiliate Academy to develop players from the intermediate to high-performance levels through a structured training environment that builds technical skill, game intelligence, and complete athlete development.

Designed for student-athletes in Grades 6–12, the program supports those pursuing collegiate pathways, as well as those looking to use soccer as a platform to build discipline, confidence, and leadership while having fun.

Holistic Skill Development Model

Students train within the Everton system in age- and skill-based groupings, working closely with UEFA-certified coaching.

The program integrates:

- On-pitch training: Technical development, tactical awareness, and team play
- Soccer-specific drylands: Speed, agility, strength, & injury prevention
- Holistic development: Mental focus, resilience, nutrition, & recovery

This holistic approach develops complete athletes—technically, physically, and mentally.

On-pitch training is built around our pillars of high performance:

- Ball mastery and technical control
- 1 vs. 1 attacking and defending
- Passing, movement, and breaking lines
- Finishing and attacking play
- Game intelligence and decision-making
- Defensive structure and transitions

Competition Pathways

Players progress into competitive environments based on readiness:

- BC School Sports (BCSS): School team competition and development
- Central Okanagan Youth Soccer Association (COYSA): League teams
- Academy Super League (ASL): High Performance teams (qualification required)

The ASL includes over 1,500 players and runs across fall, winter, and spring seasons, with league play and tournament weekends in the Lower Mainland.

Program Structure

- Training Terms: fall, winter (Skills and Futsal), spring
- Schedule: Tuesday–Thursday, 13:30–16:30
- Assessment: Individual progress scorecards and report cards (3x per year)
- Travel: League and tournament participation (additional fees may apply for weekend trips / overnight travel)

Beyond performance, students develop the mindset, discipline, and leadership skills that extend far beyond the game.



TIMETABLE

- On-field training: 3x per week
- Off-field training: 3x per week



PROVIDER

- UNISUS dedicated UEFA Certified Coach
- Specialist providers



COST

- \$3,360 Full Year incl. team fees, not travel outside the Okanagan



UNISUS HOCKEY ACADEMY

Train with intent. Build elite skills. Elevate your game.

The UNISUS Hockey Skills Academy is designed to accelerate player development through a focused, high-repetition training system that builds elite technical skills, game awareness, and complete athlete performance. This is a skills-first program—students continue to play on local teams across a wide range of levels, while UNISUS provides the structured training environment needed to rapidly elevate their game.

Game play and team practices alone are not enough to maximize development. Our program focuses on intentional, high-quality skill repetition and feedback, enabling athletes to progress faster and more effectively.

Training Model

Students train through a comprehensive system that integrates:

- On-ice skills training (up to 110 hours/year): Skating, puck control, passing, shooting, and game application
- Hockey-specific drylands (95 hours/year): Speed, strength, mobility, and injury prevention
- Performance development: Mental focus, resilience, nutrition, and recovery

This integrated system develops complete athletes—technically, physically, and mentally.

Core Skill Development

Training focuses on the key pillars of elite hockey performance:

- Skating: acceleration, edge work, agility, and game-speed movement
- Puck control and deception under pressure
- Passing, receiving, and decision-making speed
- Shooting, scoring, and offensive creativity
- Tactical play and game awareness

Individualized Development

- 3 performance report cards per year (skills + drylands scorecards)
- Individual video analysis (provided by parents of team play) and improvement plans for each athlete
- Ongoing feedback and coaching to track progress and accelerate growth

The program creates a powerful development pathway:

Focused Skill Development → Elevated Team Performance → Advanced Opportunities

Beyond hockey, athletes develop discipline, resilience, and leadership skills that translate into long-term academic and professional success.



TIMETABLE

- On-Ice: 90-110 minutes 3x per week Sept-Mar
- Off-ice: 45 minutes 3x per week drylands
- Ice is located at the Summerland Arena



PROVIDER

- Specialized Coaches



COST

- C\$5,250 Full year





UNISUS SNOWSPORTS ACADEMY

Reach for the stars as a Scholar and Snowsports Athlete in freestyle skiing, snowboarding, or alpine skiing.

The UNISUS Snowsports Academy is tailored for Scholar-Athletes aspiring to achieve their highest potential in snowsports, while acquiring academic achievements to enable life-long academic and professional success.

The Academy is offered in partnership with KR Academy for freestyle skiing, and Apex Ski Club, for alpine skiing. Snowsports academy students will have the opportunity to learn from Coach Kristi Richards (2 time Olympian, World Champion). Both clubs have a long track-record of providing coaching up to the FIS and NORAM levels.

Apex Mountain Ski Resort in Penticton, B.C. will serve as the base for Alpine and Jr Performance Level in Freestyle. Sr. Performance Level students have an extensive travel and training schedule at various resorts.

See our comprehensive Snowsports Brochure for more details.



TIMETABLE

- On-snow: Dec. - Mar 40 - 65 days pending skill level
- Alpine students: Friday/Saturday/Sunday, Thursday potential
- Freestyle students: Friday/Saturday/Sunday or customized
- Dry-land: 3 hours per week
- This program will include off-campus travel



PROVIDER

- Freestyle: KR Academy
- Alpine: Apex Ski Club



COST

- C\$2,520 - \$14,181 full year pending level and discipline
Competition entry and travel not included

UNISUS MOTORSPORTS ACADEMY

Join our Scholar-Athlete Motorsports Skills Academy program & pursue your racing passion!

UNISUS has partnered with KARTPLEX to offer a holistic, one-of-a-kind, year-round development program for motorsport enthusiasts. Whether pursuing a future as a racing driver or within the broader motorsport industry, this program develops resilience, confidence, mental focus, self-leadership, and the drive to succeed.

Our structured training system focuses on driving technique, racecraft and strategy, technical understanding, and consistent performance under pressure—supported by simulator training to accelerate learning through repetition and feedback.

The program includes three on-track sessions per week during the racing season, along with classroom, simulator, and mechanical skills training during the winter months.

Comprehensive skills evaluations and report cards are delivered three times per year.



TIMETABLE

- On-track: 3x per week, Sept-Nov, April-June
- Off-track: 3x per week Nov-March
- Kartplex Area 27 and KartPlex drylands complex in Penticton



PROVIDER

- KartPlex



COST

- C\$26,733 Full Year. Kart & races not included



REGISTRATION, PAYMENTS & CHANGE POLICY

ENROLLMENT

- Enrichment selections are available at the end of August
- Once registered, students are enrolled for the full term in their selected strands
- Students may request changes upon completing the first week of Enrichment Programs
- Students are automatically enrolled in their selections for the entire year. One additional change may be requested prior to the start of the next term
- All selections and changes must be approved by a parent or guardian

PAYMENTS

- Payment is required at the time of registration
- Course fees vary by Enrichment Program offering and are paid at time of registration
- Refunds in the form of credits will be applied to future Enrichment Program activity registration

ENRICHMENT FAIR & PROGRAM PLACEMENT

- To help students and families make informed choices, we host a student & parent Enrichment Fair in the first week of school. This is an opportunity to meet enrichment providers, ask questions, and explore the program options in detail

MINIMUM & MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION

- To ensure effective delivery of activities, a minimum number of students may be required for a course to be offered
- Some courses may have a maximum enrollment cap to ensure a high-quality experience

ENRICHMENT COORDINATION AND LEADERSHIP

- We are committed to providing a rich and diverse Enrichment Program experience for all students and we appreciate your support in making this program successful
- A dedicated coordinator will be assigned to ensuring efficient and effective operations of the program



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