

Education

Education in the Central Okanagan prides itself in the quality and standard of its education, all the way from Kindergarten to University level.

The Fraser Institute rankings, which include 983 public and independent schools, has ranked three Okanagan schools with a 10 out of 10: **A perfect score**. With 2 others in the top 100! These include Aberdeen Hall, Holy Cross, Our Lady of Lourdes, Kelowna Christian, and Anne McClymont.¹

Public Schools

- The Central Okanagan School District, [School District #23](#), serves approximately 175,000 citizens living in four communities
- 41 public schools. Search schools [here](#)

Private and Independent Schools

- Central Okanagan has **10 private schools**, with some of the best academics in the province. These include: [Aberdeen Hall](#); [Heritage Christian School](#); [Immaculata Catholic Regional High School](#); [Kelowna Christian School](#); [Kelowna Waldorff School](#); [Okanagan Adventist Academy](#); [Okanagan Montessori](#); [Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School](#); [St Joseph Catholic Elementary School](#); [Studio 9 Independent School of the Arts](#).

French Immersion

- There is plenty of opportunity to put your kids in French immersion, with **8 schools in the region**.
- To see these schools, see [here](#)

Colleges

- The [Okanagan College](#) has nearby campuses in Kelowna and Vernon. It is well known for its business and continuing education programs.
- The [Centre for Arts and Technology](#) not only provides post-secondary training in art, music, film, but has also further expanded the Central Okanagan's cultural community

University

¹ <http://www.castanet.net/news/Central-Okanagan/110665/Okanagan-schools-reach-perfection>

- University of British Columbia, one of the most renowned universities, ranked **30th in the world**, has an [Okanagan campus in Kelowna](#), BC. A **growing, diverse** campus has **8 faculties** and schools, **9000 students**, **\$14.5 million** in annual research funding from more than 600 research projects

Teaching and Research Opportunities

- UBC Okanagan has over **\$14.5 million** in annual research funding from more than 600 research projects. There is plenty of opportunity here! Furthermore, with the newly established Southern Medical Program through the [UBC Faculty of Medicine](#) there are numerous opportunities to become engaged in local teaching and research.
- [The Interior Health Authority](#) also continues to expand in its capacity to support local research.
- There are also a number of local specific research and private clinical trials groups with a growing number of groups in the area of clinical, health-policy and population health research (contact us for specifics)