Public Education means that every child is given the opportunity to learn and to be inspired to reach their potential.

In Burnaby’s public schools, we work together to provide engaging, inclusive and welcoming learning environments. We embrace the rich diversity found in our school communities, and we support the unique needs of each child.

We are making a difference. It is evident in the local, provincial, national and international scholarships and awards won by our students, teachers and schools.

We invite you to learn more about Burnaby’s exceptional public schools – so many reasons to be proud.


Burnaby School District teachers know it’s their job to find the spark within each student and continue to fan the flames into the high school years. Our teachers make a difference.

Learn More: www.burnabyschools.ca
Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

- William Butler Yeats

**TREVOR FOUND**
Cariboo Hill, Department Head
Visual & Performing Arts

Trevor Found began the practice of drama at an early age as a child actor, eventually taking on central roles in his young adult years. Dedicated to the business of performing arts, he began his educational career at Cariboo Hill Secondary School, graduating in 2008. During his time, he was instrumental in helping hundreds of students find their passion for performing arts, providing them with guidance as they pursued their dreams. In grade 12, he audited a visual arts class with a focus on theatre and creativity. Fueled by his experience, he decided to take his love for the arts to the next level.

**SHAYNA VIRGINILLO**
Cariboo Hill 2012 Grad

Shayna Virginillo had always dreamed of becoming a writer. Theatre didn’t arrive on her radar until high school. She thrived under his direction, and in grade 12, she auditioned and met other artists. Shayna found in SFU’s Theatre Program a true sense of belonging.

**MARIA NICOLIDAKIS**
Burnaby Central, Department Head
Mathematics

Nicolidakis was inspired during her educational journey by great teachers, who have changed the lives of young people through their dedication to delivering exemplary education in Mathematics and Statistics. She was inspired by the work that led to the establishment of the Gordon M. Shrum Entrance Scholarship. This fall, she was instrumental in helping hundreds of students find their passion for performing arts, providing them with guidance as they pursued their dreams. In grade 12, she audited a visual arts class with a focus on theatre and creativity. Fueled by her experience, she decided to take her love for the arts to the next level.

**KEVLAR DUPUIS**
Burnaby North 2016 Grad

Kevlar Dupuis came to his trade quite naturally. Growing up on Gambier Island, he was surrounded by family who were always in the wood shop. So when he decided to attend Cariboo Hill Secondary School, his mother told him that the ACE-IT Capstone Program offered through Burnaby School District was instrumental in helping him find his path.

**GREG BERNARD**
Cariboo Hill, Department Head
Applied Design, Skills & Technology

Bernard began his career as a Red Seal carpenter in the Construction Industry. It had always been his passion and led him into the trades. He was a valuable resource with a hammer and scraps of wood – and being mentored by his grandfather and father. Fast forward 29 years, and Mr Bernard has been a teacher in the Burnaby School District for 29 years. He’s gone on to attend all trades; he’s taught woodworking, carpentry, drafting, metalwork, carpentry & millwork and contractors – right out of school. He knows firsthand that kids who have an early interest in their field have the opportunity to explore that path. It’s their calling, and they can pursue it.