



ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY SHAWNIGAN LAKE

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Water Front Safety

Safety Rules

- No one should be on the docks or Lakefront without the permission of a teacher or staff member.
- No one should be on the docks alone.
- No running is permitted on the docks.
- No diving, back flips, or somersaults are permitted from the docks.
- No swimming is permitted on the Lakefront except when a School scheduled swimming activity is being organized. A teacher or staff person must be on duty for such activities.
- St John's Shawnigan Lake School students participating in Lakefront activities must have passed the School swim test.
- All Lakefront activities including, but not limited to canoeing, kayaking, rowing, sailing, or windsurfing require teacher or staff supervision.
- Fishing requires authorization from teacher or staff member and a minimum of two students present.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING DOCKS: Maximum capacity on the docks is **25 people**.

Operation of Vessels

- Personal flotation devices (PFD) or immersion suits must be worn while on any vessels or when instructed by a teacher or staff person.
- From October 1st to April 30th, people using canoes, kayaks, sailboats, windsurfers, or row boats must wear a wetsuit and/or a cruiser suit.
- All vessels must have appropriate safety gear which meets BC Coast Guard specifications.
- Teacher or staff responsible will set designated boundaries for each vessel.
- All vessels must be back by sunset.
- Waterfront activities taking place after sunset as part of a specific training programme need prior approval by a teacher or staff member who will be present and in charge of the activity.
- For longer excursions, a teacher or staff member must be present and a trip plan with Risk Management Procedures must be prepared by the faculty responsible prior to departure.
- Each marine activity will have specific Risk Management Procedures, Operational Rules and Requirements including levels of supervision appropriate to their equipment and operating environments. Rules and Requirements will be communicated to each activity member and must be adhered to.

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Swim Test



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St John's Shawnigan Lake School students participating in Lakefront activities must have passed the School swim test. The test will be conducted by a designated staff member.

Swim Test Requirements:

- Swimming two lengths of the dock
- Treading water for one minute

Swim Levels

Competent Swimmer	Permitted to enter the water under the supervision of a staff member
Weak Swimmer	Permitted to enter the water under the supervision of a staff member, but required to wear a lifejacket when swimming
Non-Swimmer	Not permitted to enter the water except when being taught how to swim

Swim List

An updated Swim List will be kept at reception desk.



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Supervision

All Lakefront activities including canoeing, kayaking, rowing, sailing, swimming or windsurfing require teacher or staff supervision.

Equipment

Supervisors must have

- a ring buoy or suitable throwing line
- an extra life jacket
- a cell phone
- a spinal board
- a first aid kit
- the School "Swim List"

Supervisor to Student Ratios

Supervisor	Students
1	15
2	25