



St. John's Academy

Shawnigan Lake

SJASL - ELL

Nets of Support

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St. John's Academy Shawnigan Lake is a growing IB school nestled against Shawnigan Lake on Canada's Vancouver Island. It intentionally brings together both local and international boarding students so that all of our students have an enriching and academically rigorous experience.

As a school we have incorporated the latest educational research into the creation of a truly 21st-century-ready learning community, where innovation and creativity are paramount.

St. John's Academy Shawnigan Lake uses the International Baccalaureate model of teaching to lay an academic foundation for all our students so that regardless of their career ambitions, they have the knowledge and the skills to succeed in life.

English is the language of instruction and examination at SJASL, and success in our academic programs requires a base level of English Language Proficiency (ELP).

Base level of proficiency by grade:

Grade	ELP Level	ELP Level with ELA classes (see below)	ELP Level with EI classes (see below)
6/7	B1	A2+	A2
8	B1+	B1	A2+
9	B2	B1+	B1
10	B2+	B2	B1+
11/12	C1	B2+	B2

Students who do not yet make the grade-level requirements for English language proficiency will be enrolled in English support classes.

English Language Acquisition (ELA)

Students who are recommended to ELA classes will take an English support block in their academic timetable as a replacement for French (since students already have a second language). ELA classes offer 120 hours of shared support per academic year. The teacher to student ratio in these classes is at or below 1:8. English Language Acquisition classes support students for credit-bearing courses and build the knowledge and skills typical for a foundational understanding of a credit-bearing course. In classes with multi-grade-level students, the teacher will take a theme-based approach to organize the syllabus, enabling the teacher to recycle language throughout the themes and to contextualize language, which will help learners at all levels in the classroom.

English Intensive (EI): ADDITIONAL ELL SUPPORT

For students requiring more support, in addition to ELA classes, SJASL offers one-to-one or small group English Intensive (EI) blocks. Students in these blocks will work to level-up English skills to ensure they can navigate the academic rigour of SJA classes. ELA classes offer 240 hours of individualized support per academic year. EI classes provide concentrated English language tutoring and contextualized support for credit-bearing courses. Students may be required to take English Intensive blocks if they cannot navigate grade-level classes at SJASL.

Additional Support	Structure	Cost
One-to-One English Intensive (EI support blocks)	Individual Language Profile, regular communication, in timetable individual support, English intensive skills, class-specific homework help approximately 240 (2 classes) hours of catered support, homework help. 1:1 ratio.	\$18,000 / year prorated
Small Group English Intensive (EI support blocks)	Individual Language Profile, regular communication, in timetable individual support, English intensive skills, class-specific homework help approximately 240 (2 classes) hours of catered support, homework help. 1:3 ratio	\$8,000 / year Dependent on demand
English Language Acquisition (ELA block)	In timetable, 1:8 ratio, grade-level support	\$4000 / year