

## What is Inquiry Hub?

Inquiry Hub is a new initiative by Coquitlam Open Learning and School District #43. We offer a full-time grade 9-12 program which brings students together in a technology-facilitated environment and gives them freedom to develop and explore their own questions. Students at iHub manage their own time, both on courses and inquiry-based work.

Students will graduate from iHub with a full dogwood diploma in addition to learning in an inquiry based environment and doing independent directed studies.

## What is inquiry?

Inquiry is the act posing a big question and gathering information to arrive at a detailed solution with careful emphasis on process and this is exactly what students at Inquiry Hub do. Anything that a student has a wish to inquire about is supported. This has lead to student driven inquiries into gardening, music, programming, mechanics, robotics and countless other projects.

## Who is iHub for?

The Inquiry Hub is for all types of learners who share a passion for knowledge, investigation and have an interest in using technology to seek answers to their questions. The Inquiry Hub will appeal to families who are seeking a smaller, cooperative learning environment where students can focus on their interests individually and in small teams. Those who:

- Want a chance to apply their learning in a practical way
- Are interested in research and learning with technology
- Desire to work on projects which make a difference
- Motivated
- Want to manage their own time

## Which courses are taught?

The district standard courses taught at iHub are Math, English, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, Planning, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, French, Spanish Japanese and Mandarin.

In addition to these courses, unique to iHub are Foundations of Inquiry, and Foundations of Digital Media.- Foundations of Inquiry helps students develop and pursue personal inquiry questions. Foundations of Digital Media helps students live and work in a online world by teaching skills like finding proper information online, editing, presenting and sharing projects.

## Where is the Inquiry Hub?

We are located at the corner of Schoolhouse St and Brunette Ave in Coquitlam

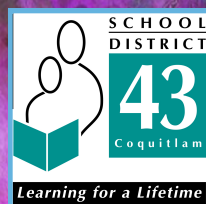
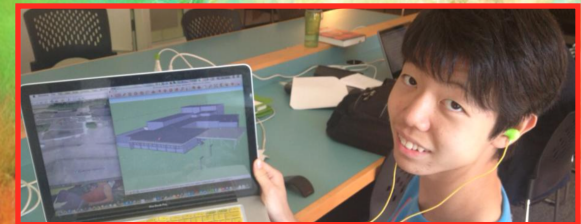
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## How do students organize their own time?

Students are often taught in the mornings by teachers to cover certain parts of their courses. The rest of the day is left to the student. Students meet with teachers to discuss their progress in courses. Students who need help in time management are given help by teachers. Student use this time to organize and work on their inquiry projects.

## What have students learned in their Inquiry projects?

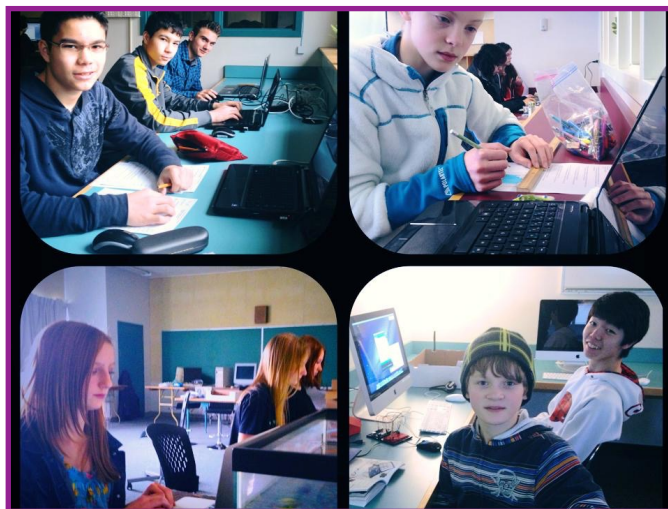
- Programming computer and phone applications
- Constructing and using 3D printers
- Creating songs and setting up a student radio station assembling robot electronics projects
- Writing grant proposals to fund a school garden
- Teaching other schools how to create and maintain school gardens

## How are courses at iHub taught?

The Inquiry Hub offers a blended learning environment. Students have face-to-face instructional time with teachers and do assignments online.

Students still go to iHub during regular school hours to work on these courses. Students mostly have unscheduled time to work on coursework or inquiry projects. This allows students to control the way they learn by structuring their own time with teacher support present at all times.

Much of the course material is online so students can work at any pace they wish. Lessons are offered to students as needed to help them learn more in certain areas of their courses. These are often designed to cover more than one course and are inclusive to all students.



## Why are inquiries important?

Inquiry projects are important because they allow students to learn more in any area they are interested in before they leave high school and receive support from other students or teachers. Inquiry projects give students a chance to get something extra to show future universities or employers. This sets Inquiry Hub apart from other schools.