The Alpine Skiing SnowSports Academy is a partnership program between Vernon Ski Club and School District 22. The program is open to athletes from Grade 8 upwards, which corresponds with 2nd year U14 and older. Academy activities occur during school hours.

**Links**

As a first step please review the following links:

[School District 22 Academy Information](https://sd22.bc.ca/academies/)

[Vernon Ski Club](http://www.vernonskiclub.ca/) You will find a Member Handbook and other information on the website. A description of Academy is under the “Athletic Programs” tab.

**How Does Academy Work with School?**

SnowSports Academy becomes your child’s “B” block in their school calendar. When you receive their schedule “B” block should read “SnowSports Academy”. If it is not listed, they are not registered and you should contact the school and the SD22 SnowSports Coordinator.

As B block accounts for two courses out of eight in a school year, Snowsport Academy student athletes will be working toward credit in a course called “Sport Development- Alpine Ski Racing” as well as one other online course. Usually the second course is Physical Education (Active Living). There are other online options if a student chooses to complete PE at school. To inquire about personalizing your online courses please feel free to reach out to Rod Peters 250-549-3546 ext 103 or email rpeters@sd22.bc.ca .

Ensure your child is signed up with VLearn and if there are any issues call them at 250-542-0249. The athletes will have online coursework to complete throughout the year including a daily physical activity log and assignments.

Note: Please register your child with VLearn with their own email address so that they will receive the communication about their courses directly.[Parents Can review student progress at vLearns Parent Portal link.](https://register.vlearn.ca/parent#/)

During the off-season each “B” block becomes a dryland session for the athletes. They participate in activities such as field sessions, trampoline, cross-fit, skating, mountain biking and more.  The coach will pick up the athletes at their school in the VSC van at designated times to transport them to the dryland session and will drop them back to their school after the session ends. Your child should not miss any class time.

Things to know:

         If “B” block falls at the beginning of the day, the athlete is responsible for making their way to the session (the van will not pick up at school)

         If “B” block falls at the end of the day parents may need to arrange to pick up their child. Please consult the calendar to confirm

         It is a good idea to pack lunches/snacks that can be eaten in the van (nothing messy) as the athletes often miss their lunch break at school

         Block rotation for 2023-24 can be found here

During the ski season the athletes will ski Thursday and/or Friday, depending on what they are registered for with the Ski Club. “B” block becomes a study block for the other days unless a maintenance fitness component is scheduled (usually on Tuesdays). Athletes/parents should be speaking to teachers before the ski season starts to determine how to coordinate making up missed class work on Thursday/Fridays. Academy is a School District 22 supported academic program and if issues with teachers arise, the SnowSports Coordinator for SD22 can assist.

**Contacts**

SD22 SnowSports Coordinator: Rod Peters at rpeters@sd22.bc.ca or call 250-549-3546 ext 103

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