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Introduction





Established in 2004, Little Mountain Learning Academy is a well-recognized After-school Academic Enrichment facility located on the University of British Columbia campus in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

As a result of our reputation, parents enrol their children with Little Mountain Learning Academy for improved English education but soon realize a learning environment that far exceeds expectations.

Our Mission:

- We will provide an exceptionally high-level progressive learning experience focused on knowledge, creativity, self-confidence and empowerment.
- We will provide a motivated experience for which individual goal setting and personal reward are the outcome.
- We will provide personalized instruction from devoted top-level staff educated in programs tailored to each student's individual learning level.
- We will provide an inspired place for learning.
- We will provide social activities and facilities that contribute to the community.

Our curriculum utilizes both modern and traditional teaching methods and is taught by creative, inspired and passionate instructors.

We strive to be more than just another business in the community. Both our staff and students are involved in learning experiences that nurture global citizens and expose young minds to a greater breadth of knowledge and ideas.

The results are instructors that give back more than curriculum and students who discover their own personal strengths, individual interests and passions to pursue.

Our History





Little Mountain Learning Academy is a true grassroots company that was established and developed as a result of long-term commitment and passion from its founders.

Both graduates of the University of British Columbia, Directors Ryan Tierney and Tim Fijal have each been working in the field of Education for almost twenty years.

Little Mountain Learning Academy partners since 2004, Tim and Ryan built an early relationship around trust revealing common ideals and goals around education. At that time, Ryan focused on creating International Summer Camps while Tim developed curriculum, hired staff and taught classes out of his home.

In 2006, early success resulted to the opening of their first school.

Ryan Tierney, Director

Ryan has a B.A. from UBC, a T.E.S.L. teaching certificate, post-graduate diplomas in Information Technology and Asian Studies and an MBA. Ryan has been an educator for over 15 years, the past nine of these in the English Department at Sejong University and at Little Mountain Homeschool in Seoul, Korea where he currently resides with his wife.

Ryan is deeply appreciative of all the amazing staff and teachers that bring innovative and motivational lessons to students attending Little Mountain.

Tim Fijal, Director

Tim graduated from the University of British Columbia with a BA in French Language and Literature and a Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics. He received his first TESL certification from UBC and thereafter completed the Cambridge CELTA TESL certification.

Tim began his English teaching career in France in 1992 and has been involved in the field of Education ever since. Tim's illustrious career also includes three years teaching English in Korea, including two years as an Instructor at Konkuk University in Seoul.



Happier students.
Achieving more.
A better world for all.



Little Mountain Learning Academy is dedicated to developing and delivering meaningful and relevant content that makes students learn more, and think more too.

Industry-recognized instructors are brought onto our team specifically because of their passion for education and their ability to engage students in active and participatory learning. Our classes are designed to empower students and broaden their knowledge while inspiring them to become active global citizens.

Our Core Beliefs

Little Mountain Learning Academy is a place where students become lifelong learners.

Our approach is built on the core belief that providing differentiated instruction from passionate top-level instructors generates better results that last a lifetime.

It is Little Mountain Learning Academy's belief that by engaging students in active methods of learning, they will enhance their self-esteem, self-confidence, their capacity to think critically and express themselves creatively.

These fundamental skills not only provide a solid framework for literacy learning, but also for any future educational endeavours.

By discovering more about the world around them, our students learn more about themselves. They do this while honing their academic skills in reading, grammar, vocabulary development and writing.

This content-based approach deepens the overall learning experience and motivates Little Mountain students to develop their skills as critical thinkers and self-directed learners.

The result for our students is higher test scores and a greater likelihood of successful post-secondary studies while bringing about positive change in their world.

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Little Mountain Learning Academy's dedicated, energetic and passionate staff are what makes our school an enriching learning environment like no other.

Our instructors and staff are our best assets. They bring unique life experiences, educational backgrounds, and brilliant ideas to our learning facility each and every day ensuring an optimal environment for nurturing growth and continuous improvement.

The Future of Learning

Little Mountain Learning Academy is a group of passionate educators.

We consider ourselves pioneers in new methods for the future of learning and varied applied learning techniques.

Our methods are rooted in proven traditional learning as well as proven modern principles such as **progressive education, personalized learning** and dynamic learning. We prefer exercises that include meaningful and relevant subjects and emphasize 'learning by doing' rather than instruction purely by textbook or rote memory.

Our learning structure focuses on the developing personality of the learner and honours the approach, 'teach the student, not the subject'.

Little Mountain Learning Academy's unique vision, emphasis on creativity and meaningful class content, and learner-centred approach consistently attracts passionate and dedicated instructor candidates with impressive qualifications.

All of our instructors must either be BC Certified Teachers, and/or possess TESL certification from a recognized institution and have at least three years of teaching experience to be considered candidates for our teaching team.



Our Learning Stages



Little Mountain Learning Academy puts students at the centre for a more intelligent approach to education.

Our approach has always been more holistic as we orient toward each student rather than to any strictly 'systematic' curriculum. Nonetheless, we realize the importance for students to be able to visualize their achievement as they strive to reach their academic goals.

Little Mountain Learning Stages



Stage 1 - Early Achievers ensures students take flight on the right path by way of literacy acquisition.



Stage 2 - Next Achievers success results with reading proficiency at a grade 5 reading level.



Stage 3 - Young High Achievers demonstrate proficiency in English communication and literacy skills.



Stage 4 - High Achievers develop skills and confidence to leap forward and challenge standardized approaches.



Stage 5 - High Achievers & Independent Learners develops enhanced reading, writing, presentation, and research skills.

Over the years, our experience has resulted in identifying five categories of learning that all of our students fit into.

The **Little Mountain Learning Stages** have been developed to correspond with individual student assessment for which every student can be prescribed, and then progress. The Little Mountain Learning Stages do not set out to 'graduate' students through a highly-regimented level system, but to address students needs and what is required for a successful educational journey.

Each of the Little Mountain Learning Stages are associated with an animal symbol that holds a deeper meaning while representing traits around learning and individual growth.

Little Mountain Learning Academy is a well established and recognized After-school Academic Enrichment facility that provides a modern learning experience.

Our curriculum utilizes both modern and traditional proven teaching methods that foster motivation by the reward of discovery. **Little Mountain students grow as self directed learners and become more confident while they master the tools of language including vocabulary, reading, writing, grammar skills, etc.**

We offer a wide range of classes specifically designed to address the learning needs and interests of students ranging from low English Second Language (ESL) to native speaker, and from pre-kindergarten to adult learners.

At Little Mountain Learning Academy nurturing community is a priority. Little Mountain Learning Academy recognizes that most of its students are new to Canada and are in need of establishing ties to their newfound community. As part of our growth into our new facility, we will be hosting regular speaker events to nurture a supportive community for our student body and their parents.



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