


Aspire to Action

This program is a unique opportunity for highly motivated senior students to pursue the traditional academic requirements in an integrated studies program that combines academics with experiential learning in the community. The program runs during semester two at Georges P. Vanier Secondary School and is open to all grade 11 and 12 students at Georges P. Vanier.

Are You?	Integrated Academics	Possible Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interested in Social Justice causes like 2SLGBTQ+ rights or anti-racism (Black Lives Matter)?Curious about how to solve problems in your local community?Wanting to make a real difference on a global level?Concerned about environmental justice issues?Interested in Indigenous issues and history?Excited about learning outside of the classroom?Interested in taking field trips outside the Comox Valley?Wanting to maximize your credits and fast-track your graduation?Passionate about leading school campaigns to raise awareness?Captivated by listening to guest speakers sharing their experiences?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English First Peoples 11or 12 (4 Credits)Community Outreach and Action 11 or 12 (4 Credits)Capstone (2 Grad Credits)30 Hours for Grad <p>Will include 2 of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Social Justice 12 (4 Credits)BC First Peoples 12 (4 Credits)Genocide Studies 12 (4 Credits)Political Science 12 (4 Credits) <p>Total: 16 Credits</p> 	<p>Field Trips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Vancouver Holocaust Education CenterVictoria: Pride and Museum (Indigenous)Tribune Bay Outdoor Education CentreAlert Bay: St. Michael's Residential SchoolTribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre <p>Awareness Campaigns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Black History MonthRed Dress CampaignPride MonthIndigenous History MonthIntl Day Against Homophobia/TransphobiaRefugee Rights Day <p>Service-Learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Inquiry based volunteerism (weekly)Community connections

ADVANTAGES OF ASPIRE:

- Education through integrated studies and blended learning
- Experiential learning outside of the classroom (30 Graduation Hours)
- Field trips all over Vancouver Island (no class time missed)
- 16 Credits in one semester
- Member of an inclusive team that create memories to last a lifetime
- Capstone (2 Credits)

****Contains additional costs for overnight course activities in Vancouver and Victoria that can be offset by fundraising opportunities during the program***

For further information about Aspire check out the link on the GP Vanier school web site or see Mr. Merrick or Ms. Keyworth Janzen