



## 2026–2027 EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM AND FEE INFORMATION

### SEASONAL PROGRAMS

#### **ROOKIE RIDERS**

Rookie Riders focuses on building skills through gymnastics on mats, movements on a barrel, and other fun activities. Students will experience being around horses and build towards the possibility of getting on a horse by the end of the season's schedule.

**Grades:** 2–5

**Experience Level:** None

**Equestrian Rider Level:** N/A. This is a preparation program before Equestrian Canada Level 1.

PROGRAM SEASON	PROGRAM SCHEDULE	PROGRAM FEES
<b>Winter</b> <i>(November to mid-March)</i>	<b>15 lessons per season</b> <i>(1 lesson per week)</i>	<b>\$900</b>

#### **INTRO TO RIDING**

Focuses on building skills through gymnastics on mats, movements on a barrel, and other fun activities. Students will experience being around our horses and will build towards the possibility of getting on a horse by the end of the season's schedule.

**Grades:** 6–12

**Experience Level:** None

**Equestrian Rider Level:** N/A. This is a preparation program before Equestrian Canada Level 1.

PROGRAM SEASON	PROGRAM SCHEDULE	PROGRAM FEES
<b>Winter</b> <i>(November to mid-March)</i>	<b>15 lessons per season</b> <i>(1 lesson per week)</i>	<b>\$900</b>

#### **LEARN TO RIDE: Fall & Spring**

Riders have the option to apply to the Learn to Ride program for the fall term and/or spring term. The riding program is designed to help beginning riders develop their skills in the saddle and in the stable. Participants will learn to prepare their horse for riding, and gain firsthand experience in handling, grooming and riding horses. The program covers essential gaits such as walk, trot, canter, and navigating poles.

- Students applying to this program must have some experience with horses, or complete Rookie Riders, or Intro to Riding as a pre-requisite.
- Lessons will be in small groups or in private *(if and where necessary.)*
- Equestrian Canada Theory & Stable Management: C Rider Level programming will be taught.
- Testing for Rider Levels are optional (additional fees may apply.)
- Workshops, Clinics and Horse Shows may be optional *(additional fees may apply.)*

**Grades:** 3–12

**Experience Level:** Beginner

**Equestrian Rider Level:** Suitable for students with Equestrian Canada Rider Levels 1–4.

PROGRAM SEASON	PROGRAM SCHEDULE	PROGRAM FEES
<b>Fall:</b> September–November <b>OR</b> <b>Spring:</b> March–June	<b>15 lessons per season</b> <i>(2 lessons per week)</i>	<b>\$1,425</b>

## YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMS (10-month school year)

### **ROYAL RIDERS**

The Royal Riders is a stream for more committed riders. Participation in the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) Program is optional. Students ride twice per week, year-round, using a school horse. IEA riders compete at regional, zone and national IEA competitions in the USA. Workshops and clinics are available to riders in this program. Additional fees may apply.

- Students applying to this program must have some previous experience with horses.
- Lessons are typically 2 times per week when school is in session. \*
- Equestrian Canada Rider Level programming will be taught.
- Testing for Rider Levels are optional, with additional fees.
- Workshops, clinics and horse shows are optional, with additional fees.

**Grades:** 4–12

**Experience Level:** Intermediate

**Equestrian Rider Level:** Suitable for students with Equestrian Canada Rider Levels 2–6 or with equivalent riding experience.

PROGRAM SEASON	PROGRAM SCHEDULE	PROGRAM FEES
September–June	Two (2) lessons per week*	\$5,000

### **HALF LEASE PROGRAM**

The Half Lease Program is a competitive stream for more serious riders. This program provides the feeling and responsibility of owning a horse, but without having to make a full financial commitment.

- A school horse ½ lease is required – additional half lease board fees apply (*fees outlined on following pages*).
- Students applying to this program must have previous experience with horses.
- Lessons will be three (3) times per week when school is in session. \*
- Up to three (3) workshops are included in program fees.
- Equestrian Canada Rider Level programming will be taught.
- Testing for Rider Levels are optional, with additional fees.
- Clinics and horse shows are optional, with additional fees.

**Grades:** 4–12

**Experience Level:** Intermediate

**Equestrian Rider Level:** Suitable for students with Equestrian Canada Rider Levels 3–6 or with equivalent riding experience.

PROGRAM SEASON	PROGRAM SCHEDULE	PROGRAM FEES
September–June	Three (3) lessons per week*	\$6,750 <i>\$525 /mo. after \$1500 deposit</i>

## TEAM QMS PROGRAM

Team QMS is for advanced and committed riders who demonstrate quality horsemanship, leadership, and sportsmanship, in and out of the saddle and on the ground. Team QMS riders and horses will be in a full training program. Riders will compete at the regional, national, or international level, and are required to participate in clinics and workshops.

- Students applying to this program must have experience with horses.
- Students bring their own horse and board on campus or lease a horse owned by QMS – additional standard or premium board fees apply (*fees outlined on following pages*).
- Lessons, training, and practice rides are scheduled five (5) times per week when school is in session (excluding horse vacations.) \*
- Up to five (5) workshops are included in program fees.
- Clinics and horse shows: at least one (1) is required and additional costs will apply.
- Horse shows: at least one (1) is required and additional costs will apply.
- Equestrian Canada Rider Level programming will be taught.
- Testing for Rider Levels are optional, with additional fees.

**Grades:** 4–12

**Experience Level:** Advanced

**Equestrian Rider Level:** Riders must be at a level equivalent to Equestrian Canada Rider Levels 3–10 or have approval from the Director of Equestrian.

<b>PROGRAM SEASON</b>	<b>PROGRAM SCHEDULE</b>	<b>PROGRAM FEES</b>
<b>September–June</b>	<b>Full Training Program</b> <i>Five (5) sessions including training rides and student practice rides. Additional fees may apply for clinics and shows.</i>	<b>\$12,000</b> <i>\$950/mo. after \$2,500 deposit</i>

## BOARDING AND LEASING OPTIONS (10-month school year)

Fees associated with boarding and leasing options are in addition to all program fees.

### QMS HORSE HALF LEASE BOARD

- Included in annual half lease fees: the student's portion of a Standard Horse Board, tack rentals, and routine veterinary costs associated with the QMS Heard Health Program.

HALF LEASE BOARD	ADDITIONAL FEES
<b>\$6,750</b> <i>\$607.50/mo. after \$675 deposit</i>	<b>\$1,500–\$2,000</b> To cover the costs of supplements, farrier, grooming/clipping, equine care and maintenance, specialized veterinary treatments/exams and insurance <i>(if applicable)</i> . Costs are approximate, and in accordance with the student's signed lease agreement.

### TEAM QMS HORSE BOARD – STANDARD & PREMIUM

- Included in Standard Horse board: paddock with a shelter, hay, grain, bedding, muck out, turn out and blanket changes.
- Included in Premium Horse board: paddock with a shelter and a stall in the upper barn (with a tack locker), hay, grain, bedding, muck out, turn out and blanket changes. **Limited Availability.**

BOARD OPTIONS	BOARD FEES	ADDITIONAL FEES
<b>STANDARD</b>	<b>\$11,000</b> <i>\$990/mo. after \$1,100 deposit</i>	<b>\$2,000–\$4,000</b> To cover the costs of supplements, farrier, grooming/clipping, equine care and basic veterinary. Costs are approximate and in accordance with the student's signed lease agreement.
<b>PREMIUM</b>	<b>\$12,000</b> <i>\$1,080/mo. after \$1,200 deposit</i>	

### TEAM QMS HORSE LEASING

LEASE OPTIONS	HORSE DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL LEASE FEES
<b>Bronze Lease</b>	<b>Entry level competition horse.</b> Suitable for island horse shows, and competing up to 2'6"	<b>\$10,000–\$15,000</b> <i>10% deposit required at time of lease signing.</i>
<b>Silver Lease</b>	<b>Quality competition horse.</b> Suitable for all horse shows and competing up to 1.0m	<b>\$15,000–\$20,000</b> <i>10% deposit required at time of lease signing.</i>
<b>Gold Lease</b>	<b>High performance competition horse.</b> Suitable for all horse shows and competing up to 1.2m	<b>\$20,000 and up</b> <i>10% deposit required at time of lease signing.</i>
<b>ADDITIONAL FEES</b>		
<b>\$1,500–\$4,000</b> To cover equine maintenance, specialized veterinary treatments/exams, and insurance <i>(if applicable)</i> . Costs are approximate and in accordance with the student's signed lease agreement.		

\*Average number of lessons per week when the school is open. There are no lessons scheduled during school breaks, grade-specific Outdoor Education weeks, mandatory assemblies or school-wide events.

## **EQUESTRIAN ACADEMIC COURSE OPTIONS**

### **Equestrian Athlete 10**

**Elective Course 4 Credits**

**Pre-requisite: Registration in Team QMS riding program.**

This course is tailored to give committed equestrians the appropriate balance of riding instruction, equestrian related theory, and practical stable management classes. Through a combination of in class lessons and outside workshops students will be introduced to Rider Health and Wellness, Horse Health and Wellness, Preparing for a Competition and Leadership in the Horse Industry. Students will learn how to incorporate these core concepts into their daily equestrian activities.

### **Equestrian Athlete 11**

**Elective Course 4 Credits**

**Pre-requisite: Equestrian Athlete 10 & Registration in Team QMS riding program.**

This course is tailored to give committed equestrians the appropriate balance of riding instruction, equestrian related theory, and practical stable management classes. Through a combination of in class lessons and outside workshops students will continue exploring Rider Health and Wellness, Horse Health and Wellness, Preparing for a Competition and Leadership in the Horse Industry. Students will be expected to actively incorporate these core concepts into their daily equestrian activities, both at home and at horse shows.

### **Equestrian Athlete 12**

**Elective Course 4 Credits**

**Pre-requisite: Equestrian Athlete 11 & Registration in Team QMS riding.**

This course is tailored to give committed equestrians the appropriate balance of riding instruction, equestrian related theory, and practical stable management classes. Through a combination of in class lessons and outside workshops students will further their exploration of Rider Health and Wellness, Horse Health and Wellness, Preparing for a Competition and Leadership in the Horse Industry. Students will be responsible for creating and conducting a yearly training plan based on these core concepts.

### **Equine Science 10: Anatomy & Physiology**

**Elective Course 4 Credits**

**Pre-requisite: None. Also available to QMS students who are not enrolled in the Equestrian Program.**

This is a locally developed course approved by the BC Ministry of Education covering many aspects of horse knowledge and care. Subjects covered include Stable Management and Stewardship, Equine Health, and Disease Prevention, and First- Aid. Students may choose to take this course in Grades 10, 11 or 12.

### **Equine Science 11: Anatomy & Physiology**

**Elective Course 4 Credits**

**Pre-requisite: Equine Science 10. Also available to QMS students who are not enrolled in the Equestrian Program.**

This course is designed to further promote a scientific approach to equine husbandry and introduce basic veterinary principles to all students. Common stable management practices are expanded upon to offer learners an academic approach to equine care and facility management. Students are encouraged to further investigate and supplement their competitive and career goals with the help of the materials, lessons, projects, and field trips offered through this course.

### **Equine Science 12: Exploring Veterinary Pathways**

**Elective Course 4 Credits**

**Pre-requisite: Equine Science 11**

Also available to QMS students who are not enrolled in the Equestrian Program This course is designed to explore veterinary sciences with a combination of inquiry and practical experiences in the field. Internal medicine and "herd health" will be investigated from a veterinary perspective. In-house work experience and field trips are critical to this course, and assessment will be primarily reflective in nature.