

Westside Fire Academy

Student Name _____

Mount Boucherie Secondary School
and West Kelowna Fire Rescue



MBSS FIRE ACADEMY REGISTRATION FORM

2025 – 2026

PROGRAM DETAILS

Successful candidates will be able to demonstrate:

- A passion for a future career in firefighting, RCMP, or paramedics
- A strong work ethic
- A good history of attendance
- A commitment to participate in extra-curricular weekly fire practices that fall **outside the timetable one evening per week (has been Thursday night in the past for the semester)**
- Skills learned in the program during a day field trip to the North Okanagan Fire Training Centre
- Show a willingness to take part in extra-curricular WKFR initiatives such as smoke detector checks as part of Fire Prevention week, Christmas Canned Food Drive, Fire Prevention Week and other opportunities that may occur during the evening and on weekends

As part of this program students will receive:

- 12 credits (Intro to Firefighting – Fire Fighting 11, Work Experience 12A and Fitness & Weights 11 if selected a course during course selection)
- First Aid with AED and CPR Certification
- S100 Certification (Ministry of Forests Protection Branch)
- Theory and practical knowledge that are components of all post-secondary fire service training programs in North America
- One day Live Fire training at North Okanagan Fire Training Centre
- Exposure to the Paid-On-Call Firefighter program with West Kelowna Fire Rescue

If you have questions, please contact one of the following people:

- David Marks (Program Teacher) at 250-870-5101 or by email at david.marks@sd23.bc.ca
- Ashley Bedwell (Career Centre Coordinator) at 250-870-5101 ext. 4090 or by email at Ashley.bedwell@sd23.bc.ca

REGISTRATION DETAILS AND FEES

Registration Information:

- Fire Academy curriculum is based on the Justice Institute of BC Exterior Firefighting Certification Program.
- All Fire Academy fees are non-refundable once the Academy program begins.
- All students will have an interview with the teacher of the program
- Final acceptance in the Fire Academy program will be determined by April and successful applicants will be notified.
- There is a physical fitness component that will need to be completed.

The TOTAL cost of the Academy is **\$300.00**. The costs are laid out below:

\$ 50.00 – T-shirt & Shorts (Jr. Recruit uniform)

\$ 90.00 - First Aid certification

\$160.00 – Field Trip to North Okanagan Fire Training Centre

Total: \$300.00 to be paid online at <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/>

Inability to pay will not prevent a student from taking this program. If you are unable to pay this fee, but still want to apply for the Academy, please contact Ashley Bedwell at 250-870-5101 ext. 4090

THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SPOTS

**Please submit all completed application forms to the Mount Boucherie Career Centre
2751 Cameron Rd, West Kelowna, BC V1Z 2T6**

MBSS FIRE ACADEMY REGISTRATION

Student's Legal Name: (as it appears on the Birth Certificate)

_____/_____/_____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ **Gender:** M F **2025-2026 Grade:** ____
Month Day Year

Student Primary Email*: _____ **SIN:** _____
**This email will be used for all correspondence*

Address: _____ **Apt, Suite:** _____ **City:** _____

Prov: _____ **Postal Code:** _____ **Home Phone #:** _____ **Cell #:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Primary Phone: _____ **Primary Cell:** _____

Are you First Nations Heritage? ☐ Yes ☐ NO

Please check one: ☐ Existing Student at MBSS ☐ Non-MBSS Student

STUDENT / PARENT / GUARDIAN CONSENT By signing below, I declare that:

I/We certify the information given in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that, if selected for a Dual Credit Program, falsified statements may be reason for removal. I authorize investigation of all statements contained herein and the references listed in this application. I allow the Dual Credit Department to communicate to all Post-Secondary Institutions for educational purposes relating to my selected field of study. I allow the Dual Credit Department to use any work or school related picture of myself for the purpose of promotion and communication for the program.

Student Name (please print)

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Signature

Date

****Applications will not be accepted without all signature in place**

Firefighting Research Project

JOB PROFILE RESEARCH PROJECT

PART A:

To support your application, you must complete the following questions on Firefighting. Use the internet, or access a Career Internet Provider (i.e. Bridges & Career Cruising) to research a career as a firefighter. Your research must include education required (high school prerequisites), school/programs, salary expectations, and future prospects.

Website: www.myBlueprint.ca/sd23 (Select your school from the drop-down list in the New User box and click Create Account)

Trade/Occupation: Firefighter

Description: _____

High school pre-requisites: _____

School/Programs: _____

Salary Expected: _____

Future Prospects: _____

PART B: INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Find a firefighter (could be fulltime, casual, or volunteer) and set up an interview time with them and ask the questions below:

Name of Person Interviewed: _____

Company: _____ Position: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

1. What was your path in becoming a firefighter (schooling, courses, volunteering, etc.)?

2. What are some of your job duties and responsibilities?

3. What are some of the prerequisites you need to get in this trade or position in this class? (education, courses, experience) Are there other courses that would help you succeed in this career?

4. What are some of the highlights of this trade or occupation?

5. What are some of the downfalls of this trade or occupation?

6. What are some of the safety factors concerning this occupation?

7. What are the chances of promotion in this career?

8. What is some advice you would give young adults who are thinking of a career in this occupation?

PART C: REFLECTION

Answer the following questions based on your research.

9. What are some things you found out about this career that you did not know before?

10. Based on your research, are you still interested in this career?

11. Based on your research, are there any workshops, high school courses, or certificate courses that are regarded as being useful to have, in looking for employment in this career? (eg WHMIS, First Aid, Worksafe, Foodsafe, Serving it Right, CISCO, STAR, etc.)

In the space below, explain the short term and long-term goals you have set for yourself to succeed in this career.

SHORT TERM GOALS:

LONG TERM GOALS:

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Mount Boucherie

Teacher Statement of Recommendation

Thank you very much for completing the Teacher Statement of Recommendation. This will be included in the student's application to the Westside Fire Academy. Please check the appropriate boxes below to indicate your knowledge of this particular student in the listed areas. If you are not aware of the student's achievement in a given area, or this area does not apply to your relationship with this student, please mark N/A (not applicable).

Thank you.

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Very Good</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>N/A</u>
1. Work ethic	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. Citizenship and social responsibility	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. Initiative / Motivation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4. Skills and knowledge in field of study	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
5. Communication skills	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
6. Teamwork skills	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
7. Problem-solving and critical thinking skills	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
8. Tolerance and respect for others	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
9. Honesty / Ethical behaviour	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
10. Leadership skills	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

General comments:

Teacher Name (please print)

Teacher Signature

Date

Standard Physical Fitness Tests

Date TBA – Completed at MBSS

This form must be signed by the test administrator and the applicant. The test administrator may be a school PE teacher or a firefighter familiar with the physical test. The test scores must be achieved within six months of the Academy attendance.

Procedure:

1. Run 1.5 miles (6 laps of a 400 metre track) in less than 15 minutes
2. Perform the maximum number of full body push-ups (from toes) in 60 seconds. Minimum number 15 reps
3. Perform the maximum number of sit-ups in 60 seconds – minimum 30 reps, or perform the maximum number of partial curl-ups – minimum 25 reps

Test	Results	Comments
1.5 mile run		
Push-ups		
Sit-ups or curl-ups		

Student Name (please print)

Signature

Date

Examiners Name (please print)

Signature

Date of Test