

**High School
Viewbook**

Grade 9-12



ABERDEEN HALL
PREPARATORY SCHOOL



Welcome to Aberdeen Hall!



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Welcome to Aberdeen Hall Preparatory School

Welcome to Aberdeen Hall High School-a vibrant community where students are supported in becoming their best selves. Rooted in values of resilience, responsibility, integrity, optimism, curiosity, and kindness, our school provides a dynamic environment for learning and personal growth.

The Grade 9 to 12 experience is designed to prepare students for success in post-secondary and beyond. With a focus on personalized, holistic education, students engage in rigorous, skill-based learning across core subjects, while also exploring interests in the arts, applied design, and athletics. Our balanced approach promotes both challenge and wellness.

A strong emphasis is placed on post-secondary preparation, with individual guidance to help each student find the university or college pathway that best fits their strengths and aspirations. Whether applying locally or internationally, students are supported every step of the way as they navigate course planning, applications, and long-term goal setting.

Our Advisory Program connects each student with a mentor teacher who provides daily support in academic strategies and character development. Small class sizes and individualized programming ensure that students receive the attention and enrichment they need to thrive.

Aberdeen Hall is more than a school – it's a place where students are inspired to engage, explore, and achieve, and we are proud to guide our students from Grade 9 to the Graduation stage and beyond each year!

Sincerely,



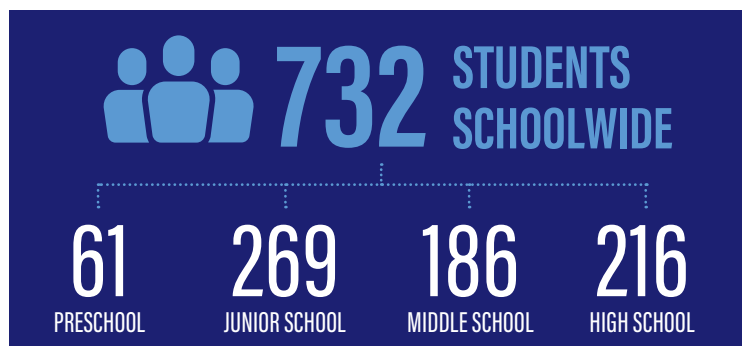
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MISSION

Empower students to lead meaningful lives as compassionate, contributing citizens, and inspire their success in learning and life.

ABERDEEN HALL

Fast Facts As of February 2026



ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Accredited Independent Schools (CAIS)
- British Columbia Ministry of Education and Childcare
- Independent School Association of BC (ISABC)
- Federation of Independent Schools of BC (FISA)

VALUES

Resilience

The ability to respond to challenges and having the courage to persevere.

Responsibility

The ability to act independently in response to duty, and to be accountable for one's choices.

Integrity

The quality of being honest, having strong moral principles, and staying true to one's self.

Optimism

A commitment to a bright and hopeful future and the steadfast belief that the outcome will be positive.

Curiosity

A passion for continual learning and exploring.

Kindness

The quality of being considerate, inclusive, and generous.



All About High School at Aberdeen Hall

Where Passion, Purpose, and Possibility Come Together

At Aberdeen Hall, High School is about more than just getting into university (though we're pretty great at that, too). It's about shaping young people into curious thinkers, compassionate leaders, and confident individuals who are ready to take on the world.

From Grade 9 to 12, students are immersed in a learning experience designed to prepare them for life after graduation. With strong academic foundations, dedicated mentorship, and a focus on wellness, balance, and character, our students don't just pass courses - they build a toolkit for meaningful and fulfilling lives.

A Place Where Students Belong – and Shine

Each student is paired with a mentor teacher through our Advisory Program, offering daily support in both academics and personal growth. Our small class sizes and low student-to-teacher ratio allow for personalized instruction, enrichment opportunities, and the space for students to explore their interests and talents.

But school isn't only about textbooks. It's about discovering who you are, what you care about, and how you can make an impact.

Lead the Way

We give students real opportunities to lead, grow, and be recognized. Whether you're leading initiatives with the Student Council, mentoring younger peers, or captaining a sports team, there's a place for everyone to step up.

Some of the many ways students lead and grow include:

- High School Student Council and Executive
- Peer Mentoring
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program
- Closing Ceremony Recognition Awards (Academic, Athletic, Arts/Music, and Character)
- Leadership roles in athletics, clubs, and community initiatives



“High School at Aberdeen Hall is about more than academics—it’s about helping students find their voice, take initiative, and shape their school experience. Whether it’s through Student Council, clubs, or school-wide events, there are endless opportunities for students to lead, connect, and grow together.”



Bradie Dickson
High School Teacher



More Than Just a School

Aberdeen Hall students are encouraged to try new things, stretch their comfort zones, and find joy in the learning journey. From rigorous academics and rich electives in the arts, design, and athletics, to meaningful mentorship and a caring community, our High School experience is as well-rounded as it is forward-thinking.

This isn't just a place to earn credits. It's a place to grow into the person you're meant to be.





Graduation Requirements

When you enter High School you enter the High School Graduation program where you are studying to fulfil the Dogwood Diploma – the official name for the BC high school diploma.

All BC students require a minimum of 80 credits to graduate; however, most of our students graduate with significantly more, as they have diverse interests and appreciate a full and engaging schedule.

Ministry Graduation Requirements

Grade 9

- Math (9 or 10)
- English
- Social Studies
- Science
- PE
- Language 10
- ADST
- Arts

Grade 10

- Math (10 or 11)
- English (Literary Studies and Composition)
- Social Studies
- Science
- PE
- Language 11
- Elective
- Elective
- CLE 10
- Numeracy and Literacy 10 assessments

Grade 11

- Math 11 or 12
- English
- Social Studies 11 or 12
- Science 11 or 12
- Elective
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Grade 12

- English 12
- 4-5 Electives
- CLC
- Literacy 12 Assessment

High School Course Offerings

We work hard to offer a wide variety of elective courses based on our students' interests. This includes many Advanced Placement courses available as they progress through High School.

Please note: Course offerings are subject to rotation. The list below represents a sample of courses that may be available in a given academic year.

Grade 9 Courses

- CLE
- English
- Language
- Math
- PE
- Science
- Social Studies

+ TWO ELECTIVES:

Grade 9 Electives

- Art Studio
- Contemporary Music
- Drama
- Electronics and Robotics
- Entrepreneurship & Marketing
- French 10
- Guitar
- Math 9 / FMP10
- Media Arts
- Senior Strings
- Spanish 10

Grade 10 Courses

- CLE
- English
- Language
- Math
- PE
- Science
- Socials

+ TWO ELECTIVES:

Grade 10 Electives

- AP Capstone Research
- Art Studio
- Computer Programming 11
- Entrepreneurship & Marketing
- French 11
- Instrumental Music
- Media Arts: Photography
- Media Design
- Music Composition
- Spanish 11
- Theatre Company

Grade 11 & 12 Courses

- Art Studio 11
- Business: Accounting 11
- Chemistry 11
- English First Peoples 11
- Fitness & Conditioning 11
- Foundations of Mathematics 11
- French 11
- Guitar 11
- Life Science 11
- Media Design 11
- Music Composition 11
- PE 11: Active Living
- PE 11: Outdoor Education
- Physics 11
- Pre-calculus 11
- Spanish 11
- Textiles 11
- Theatre Company 11
- 20th Century World History 12
- Anatomy & Physiology 12
- App Development 12

- Art Studio 12
- Chemistry 12
- Economics 12
- English Studies 12
- Environmental Science 12
- Fitness and Conditioning 12
- Foundations of Mathematics 12
- French 12
- Genocide Studies 12
- Geology 12
- Instrumental Music: Guitar 12
- Instrumental Music: Strings 12
- Law 12
- Media Design 12
- Music Composition 12
- PE 12: Active Living
- PE 12: Outdoor Education
- Philosophy 12
- Physics 12
- Political Studies 12
- Pre-calculus 12
- Social Justice 12
- Spanish 12
- Theatre Company 12
- AP Art
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus
- AP Capstone
- AP Computer Science
- AP English Literature
- AP French
- AP Physics
- AP Psychology
- AP World History



The Design Studio

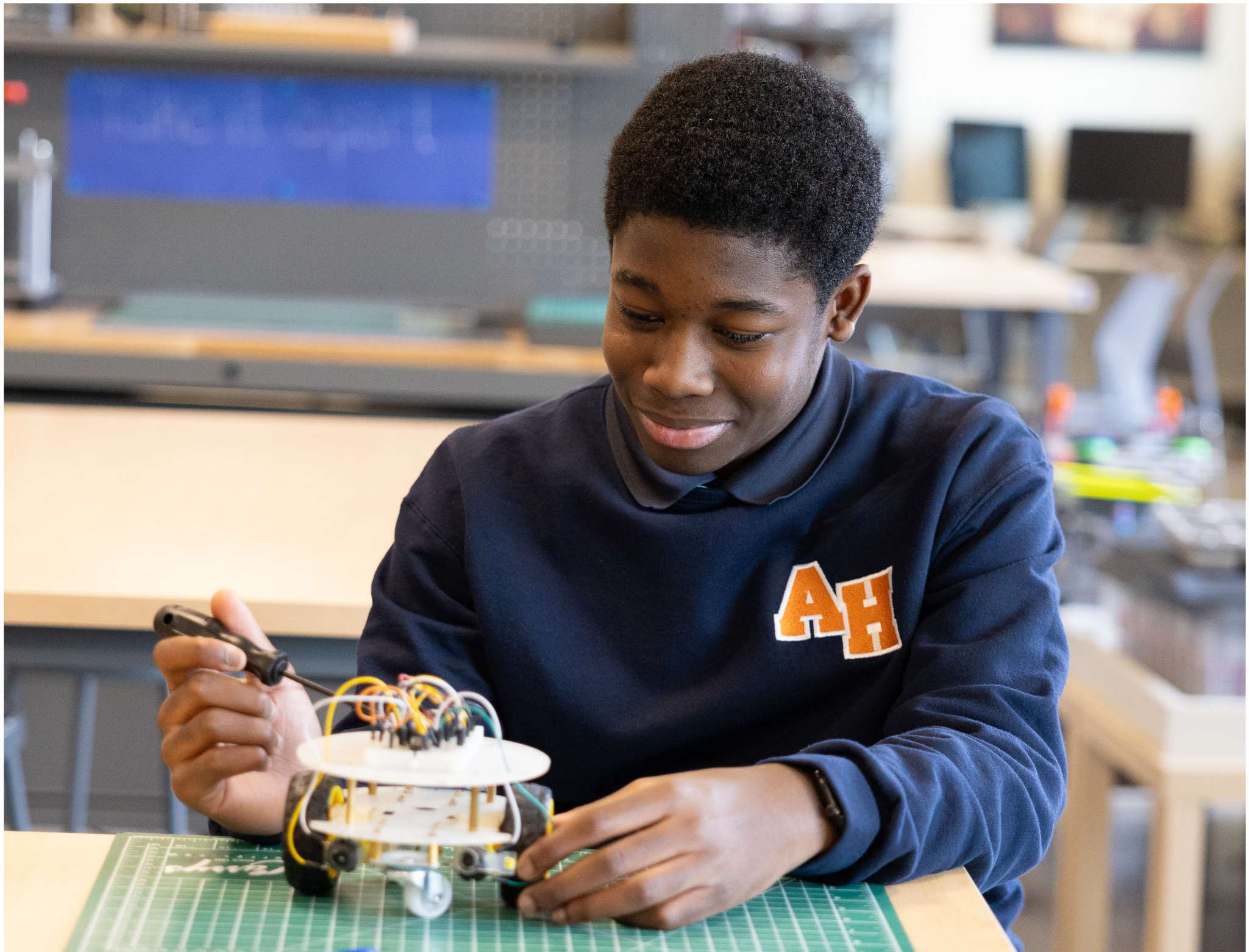
Where Ideas Take Shape

At Aberdeen Hall, the Design Studio offers students a dedicated space for personalized and experiential learning. It is a place where ideas move from concept to creation through robotics, art, graphics, 3D modelling, and video production. Here, students discover that design thinking grows through a continuous cycle of building prototypes, testing, and reflection - learning by doing in the truest sense.

"Whether it's transforming a sketch into a wooden pendant, creating a permanent campus sign, or building a functional arcade machine, the Design Studio empowers students to engage deeply, think critically, and learn by doing. In these spaces, learning is never just theoretical. Mistakes teach, curiosity leads the way, and ideas take shape - giving students the confidence and skills to create meaningful contributions to both the classroom and the wider community."



Derek Cutler
Director of Innovation





University Guidance

At Aberdeen Hall, a key goal is to support every student in securing a post-secondary opportunity that is the best fit for them as individuals.

For some students, this means applying to local universities and colleges; for others, it may involve writing SAT and AP exams and submitting applications to institutions abroad. Regardless of the path they choose, our students benefit from the support and guidance of their teachers, administrators, and our dedicated university guidance team.

Through a combination of one-on-one meetings, classroom sessions, MyBlueprint accounts, and group workshops, students are thoughtfully guided through both high school planning and the post-secondary application process. Aberdeen Hall is committed to equipping students with the knowledge, tools, and confidence they need to make a smooth and successful transition into life after High School.

"Our approach to university guidance is highly personalized - we get to know each student, their interests, and their goals so we can help them find the right path beyond graduation. It's about empowering students with the confidence, tools, and support they need to make informed choices about their future."



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High School Athletic Programming

At Aberdeen Hall, we believe that students benefit from a breadth of programming options.

While not every student may be preparing for a future as a competitive athlete, every Aberdeen Hall student benefits from the wide range of athletic opportunities available to them. In the High School, our inclusive athletics program is designed to foster a lifelong love of physical activity and sport, regardless of skill level or previous experience. We focus on creating a positive environment where all students feel encouraged to participate, improve, and enjoy being part of a team. Our coaches emphasize fun, skill development, sportsmanship, and a strong sense of community - ensuring that athletics at Aberdeen Hall are as much about personal growth and connection as they are about competition.



High School Sports Teams

We are pleased to offer a variety of athletics opportunities in the High School including:

- Basketball
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Rugby
- Cross-Country
- Track and Field
- Golf

Basketball Centre of Excellence

Offering student-athletes more than 100 hours of elite skill development throughout the school year, this co-ed Basketball Training Program is run in partnership with Goodwin Hoops and led by Program Director Mitch Goodwin

Through structured gameplay scaling from 1v1 up to 5v5 scrimmages, players develop sharp basketball IQ and a lifelong love for the game.







Clubs and Opportunities

Clubs

At Aberdeen Hall, students have access to a wide variety of clubs designed to spark curiosity, encourage collaboration, and develop new skills. From academic and STEM-focused clubs to arts, culture, and wellness groups, there is something for everyone. Participation allows students to explore their interests, connect with peers who share their passions, and build confidence in a supportive environment. These clubs provide meaningful experiences that promote personal growth, expand knowledge, and nurture both social and creative skills.

We are pleased to offer a variety of clubs including:

- Open Design Studio
- Math Contest Club
- Robotics Club
- Art Club
- Adventure Club
- Board Game Club
- Intramurals
- Music Club
- Student Publication Club
- Sustainability Club

Leadership and Opportunities

Leadership at Aberdeen Hall goes beyond titles—it's about cultivating responsibility, resilience, and the ability to make a positive impact. Students are encouraged to take on leadership roles within student council, clubs, school initiatives, and community projects, gaining hands-on experience that helps shape how they approach challenges and opportunities in life. With guidance and support, our students develop the skills and confidence to lead effectively while contributing to the school and wider community.

- Student Council
- Duke of Edinburgh Program
- Student Publication
- The Hill Leadership Program
- Peer Mentoring



Outdoor Education

At Aberdeen Hall, we look for ways to provide a breadth of programming options for students to explore. Alongside the top-notch academic experience in the classroom, our programs leverage the incredible environment of the Okanagan Valley.

Our outdoor education program helps students develop resiliency, practice critical and creative thinking, and strengthen collaboration and communication skills. Outdoor ed is embedded in the required PE courses for Grades 9 and 10, and becomes a standalone course in Grades 11 and 12, offering progressive, hands-on learning experiences.

From studying mycology while hiking at Mabel Lake, to scaling the rock walls of Skaha Bluffs Provincial Park, snowshoeing in the alpine above Vernon, or spending the day on Okanagan Lake, our students are gaining the skills and confidence to succeed both in school and beyond.

"In the outdoors, learning becomes real. Whether students are reading a map, paddling a canoe, or exploring a forest ecosystem, they're constantly adapting, reflecting, and growing. These moments teach far more than just skills, they cultivate awareness, confidence, and a lasting respect for the land and its stories."



Roberto Signoroni

Outdoor Education Coordinator
Grade 11/12 Outdoor Education
PE Teacher





Parent Resources

Bussing

Starting in Kindergarten, students are able to take the bus to school. Aberdeen Hall services the West Kelowna, Kelowna, Lake Country, and Vernon areas with five bus routes on a daily basis.

Bus seats are secured for the entire school year and reserved on a first come, first served basis. Bus registration is sent out to all families in June of each year to reserve a spot for the following school year.

Uniforms

The school uniform is standardized to provide consistency of dress and a community within the school. Students must adhere to the dress requirements, which offer some latitude of choice. An image of excellence and quality is paramount at all times. To that end, we are asking parents to assist us by ensuring their child is always neatly presented.

Most uniform items are purchased through the school's uniform shop. It is important that students wear the uniform in its official style and parents endorse and support the uniform policy.

Formal dress #1 uniform is required on Mondays - our school assembly day - and for all official school functions and outings. Notice will be given when the #1 uniform is required on days other than Monday.

The daily school uniform #2 is worn Tuesday - Friday.

Hot Lunch

Our Hot Lunch Program provides nutritious, freshly prepared meals made in-house by our dedicated kitchen team. Offered five days a week, the program is designed to support the diverse dietary needs of our students by including vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options daily. With a focus on wholesome ingredients and balanced choices, the hot lunch program not only nourishes our students but also adds convenience for busy families!





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