

# ONLINE YOUTH ORIENTATION

## Grade 8 - 12

What will you learn?

- School schedule
- School staff
- Social activities
- Safety
- School system
- Graduation requirements
- Opportunities for success
- Explore social connections, support and services

How can you join?

- Provide us with your email to be added to our mailing list
- Download the Microsoft (MS) Teams application
- Access the emailed invitation to join session

When: Friday  
11:00 am

Where: MS Teams  
(Scan the QR code to  
download MS Teams)



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# Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)



Supporting and Connecting Families in  
Schools and Communities



Immigration, Refugees  
and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés  
et Citoyenneté Canada

[www.vsb.bc.ca/nwc/page/11350/  
settlement-workers-in-schools](http://www.vsb.bc.ca/nwc/page/11350/settlement-workers-in-schools)



## NEWCOMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

MONDAYS  
TO FRIDAYS

ABOUT US

ACTIVITIES  
INCLUDE:

SWIS Event  
Page



Welcome Circles, Lunch and  
After School Activities

Along with district wide  
programs, the SWIS Newcomer  
Youth Program (NYP) offers  
school specific activities at  
various secondary schools

- Welcome Circles
- Individual Support
- Leadership Activities
- Graduation and Transition  
Support
- Employment, Volunteering and  
Skills Development
- Positive Peer and Community  
Connections

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The **Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)** Program is a school-based settlement service for immigrants, refugees, and other eligible clients to meet their immediate settlement or ongoing needs after their arrival in Canada.



**We provide information and  
conduct orientation workshops on:**

- Schooling in British Columbia
- Health Services
- Employment Services
- Housing and Accommodation
- Transit Information
- Post Secondary Education
- Citizenship and Immigration
- Legal Services
- Social Benefits
- Other concerns

**Other SWIS Programs & Services**

- Youth Welcome Circle
- Youth Newcomer Programs
- Youth Leadership Programs
- Youth Employment Focus Support
- Volunteer Opportunities
- English Conversation Circle (ECC)
- Newcomer Parent Leadership Project (NPLP)
- Citizenship Classes
- Parenting Workshops
- Parent Support Groups
- School Orientations

**We support in filling out forms:**

- Medical Services Plan (MSP)
- MSP Supplementary Benefits
- Canada Child Benefits
- Social Insurance
- Leisure Access Pass
- Affordable Childcare Benefits
- BC Housing
- Rental Assistance
- Immigration and Citizenship Forms
- Social Benefits Applications
- Others

**We help in the adjustment and transition  
process through:**

- Settlement counselling
- Advocacy
- Referral to professional counselling services
- Individual Youth Support

**We provide referral, community connection &  
accompaniment:**

- Recreational Programs
- ELL Support Services
- Adult Continuing Education
- Public Library
- Places of Worship
- Youth Services
- Career Planning & Job Search
- Legal Information & Services
- Daycare and Preschool Program
- Parenting Programs

**We provide culturally sensitive services by:**

- Communicating in your home language or  
in English
- Your information is protected

