

# 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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SWIS Newcomer Youth Programs



## NEWCOMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS

ABOUT US

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

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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# Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)



Supporting and Connecting Families in Schools and Communities



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

# 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 children registered in Vancouver Schools.

As an integrated part of the VSB support services, the Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) Program is available to all newcomer students and their family members free of charge. The SWIS Program is funded by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and hosted by Vancouver School Board. The SWIS Program has 20 Settlement Workers (SW) and 5 Youth Settlement Workers (YSW). They assist newcomer students and families by:

- Providing important information on school and community services
- Conducting orientation workshops on school and various settlement topics in Canada
- Making referrals and service linking for school and community support
- Assisting to apply for community and government services
- Providing opportunities for youth to become engaged and confident in their new learning environment

In addition to English, the team can provide support in Arabic, Cantonese, Farsi, Hindi, Korean, Kurdish, Mandarin, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese. Interpretation is available in other languages when needed. Enrolling in the Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) Program is voluntary and if you agree to receive the service, the SWIS Program needs your permission to collect your basic personal information. All information collected is protected and confidential.



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

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

## **Our service projects**

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

## **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 support in applying for:**

- 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

