

NEWCOMER WELCOME CENTRE (NWC)

Who should register online with the NWC?

- Grade 1 to Grade 12 students born in Canada, and who DO NOT speak English as their home language.
- Kindergarten to Grade 12 students born outside Canada, regardless of language spoken at home.
- Parent/legal guardian is neither a Canadian or a Permanent Resident. This applies even if the child was born in Canada.
- Former students, who meet any of the criteria listed above, who were withdrawn from the VSB and have returned.

When should an online registration be submitted?

- Once the parent/legal guardian and student(s) have moved to the city of Vancouver and have established a long-term residence

How are schools assigned?

- School location is based on the catchment you are residing in, but it is not guaranteed. If a grade or school is full the student(s) will be placed in the next closest school that has space and a program available. The NWC does not have the list of the availability of space for any school.

What kind of supporting documents are required?

- Proof of residence in the city of Vancouver
- Child's original birth certificate
- Proof of status in Canada for the parent/legal guardian and student(s)
- Immunization records
- Student(s) report cards
- Other relevant documentation (i.e. divorce, separation or parent consent letter)

**For a more detailed list, please visit our [required documents](#) page on our website*

How do we determine if the student qualifies for publicly funded education?

- Please visit the Eligibility of Students for Operating Grant Funding page on the [Government of British Columbia website](#) for detailed information

Can someone provide assistance with the registration process in a different language?

- Yes, a team member on either our [Multicultural Liaison Workers](#) or [Settlement Workers in Schools](#) teams.

STEP 1

Complete the online registration and book an in-person document verification appointment using the link provided at the end of the online application process.

STEP 2

Meet with a Registrar to review the online application and supporting documents.

STEP 3

Once the registration is complete, our team will send the registration package to the catchment school. Once the school receives the registration, they will contact you to discuss the next steps.

Important Links:

[online registration](#)

[grade placement chart](#)

[frequently asked questions](#)

[school locator](#)

Please email nwc@vsb.bc.ca if you have additional questions