

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- Former students, who meet any of the criteria listed above, who were withdrawn from the VSB and have returned.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. Please ensure you have attached all required supporting documents. Missing documents delay the process.

STEP 2

A Registrar will contact you to either ask additional questions or to set up an in-person appointment to finalize your registration. Please do not contact the NWC to set up an appointment.

STEP 3

Our team will send your completed registration to your catchment school. Once the school receives your registration, they will contact you to discuss next the steps.

Important Links:

[online registration](#)

[grade placement chart](#)

[frequently asked questions](#)

[school locator](#)

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