



# NEWCOMER WELCOME CENTRE

Newcomer Welcome Centre  
Simcoe County District School Board  
Bayfield Mall  
320 Bayfield Street  
Barrie Ontario L4M 3C1

Enter the Bayfield Mall through the Winners entrance, walk to the end of the hall, turn right and we are at the end of this hallway on the left side.

Please call to arrange an appointment  
(705) 725-8360 ext. 310



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## The Newcomer Welcome Centre

At the Newcomer Welcome Centre, student success is our foremost priority. By facilitating a smooth transition for students and families entering our schools from outside of Canada and providing support during their integration into Simcoe County and a new education system, we all experience positive outcomes. It is our goal to support each family from the initial registration visit through to graduation, through the coordination of established services available to all families of the Simcoe County District School Board.

### Who should be referred to the Newcomer Welcome Centre?

- Students entering Canada for the first time
- Students who are permanent residents, refugees, have diplomatic status or are accompanying parents with a work or study permit
- Students new to Canada and to Ontario, within the last 4 years, who have attended another school system in Canada

### What to expect during your visit to the Newcomer Welcome Centre?

While students are completing their proficiency assessments, we will complete school registration forms, attain copies of the required documents to meet the Ministry of Education's guidelines and provide families with information about our school board, education system and special programs.

### Math and English Proficiency Assessments

Most elementary and secondary students from non-English speaking countries will complete an English proficiency and Math assessment. These observations will be shared with the family and used by the school to facilitate the student's program placement, thus enhancing student success. This visit may take up to two hours and families are encouraged to book an appointment by contacting the Newcomer Welcome Centre at (705) 725-8360 ext. 310.

Following the assessment, we will:

- Provide the family and the school with feedback regarding assessment results and programming and placement recommendations
- Provide the student with a registration package to be presented to their local school
- Arrange an appointment with the school for registration

Please note that students are placed in the grade appropriate to their age and their school is established by school boundaries. Any changes should be discussed at the assigned school and will require special permission.

### What documents do we require to register your child in school?

- Student's birth certificate (foreign or otherwise) to show proof of age and establish a relationship to parent
- Proof of:
  - Canadian citizenship
  - Permanent resident status
  - Work permit
  - Study permit
  - Refugee certificate
- Passport of the student and parents
- Proof of residency ie. Rental contract, bank statement, utility bill
- Students vaccination record
- Official report/transcripts from previous school

### Additional Services Available

Through the Continuing Education Department, we provide the following services for adults:

- Adult ESL classes for all levels, day and evening
- TOEFL preparation
- Driver's Education
- Parent Forums with Education Tips
- Personal Support Worker Certificate Program
- Business Pro Certificate Program (entry level Canadian work place business training and expectations)
- Ontario Secondary School Diploma completion
- Computer Training
- Career Counselling
- Referral to settlement services with the YMCA, who assist families new to Canada to settle and adapt to life in the local area. They can be reached directly at (705) 797-2020 to arrange an appointment.