

Bridge Program (Continual Intake)

Description:

Newcomer English Language Learners in high school are identified at the time of ELL assessment, which includes student assessments at high schools, and referred to the Bridge Program based on individual needs. The program participants receive group and one-to-one support to strengthen numeracy and literacy skills, address migration and settlement barriers and ease their transition to secondary school or to the workplace. On average students receive **6 – 8 weeks** of support.

Target Participants:

Immigrant youth aged 13 to 18 years within their first 3 years in Canada, who have arrived with one or more of the following experiences/barriers:

- Significant literacy and education gaps
- Significant social and communication barriers due to language and cultural differences
- Mental and emotional issues resulting from trauma

Program Goals:

Students develop meaningful and realistic short and long-term education goals. Vulnerable immigrant youth receive settlement support to ease their transition into the school system while increasing connections with the school and community.

For more information:

Contact the Surrey Schools Welcome Centre at 604-543-4060.