

## Summer Bridge Program (Grade 7/8 Transition)

The purpose of Grade 7/8 Transition is to provide English Language Learners (ELL) grade 7 students with a variety of experiences to connect them to their secondary school before they begin grade 8. The program will help support each ELL grade 7 elementary students to feel a sense of welcome, belonging and excitement about entering secondary school. The Summer Bridge Program (Grade 7/8 Transition) is developed and implemented by the English Language Learner Welcome Centre and Summer Learning Department.

### Target Participants:

- Currently in grade 7 – going into Grade 8
- ELL students – lower level of English
- Arrived in Canada in the last year
- May have had some gaps in their schooling
- May have had refugee experience

### Program Goals:

The program aims to support students in:

- developing English skills - oral, writing, speaking and listening
- developing an understanding of Canadian history, geography, laws, and culture
- developing an understanding of secondary school
- facilitating visits to their secondary schools with Settlement Workers in Schools
- preparing them for secondary school (math, computers and organizational skills)

### SCHEDULE:

Bridge Grade 7/8 Transition	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Math	Language Arts	Math	Language Arts	High School Tour
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	<i>Recess</i>	<i>Recess</i>	<i>Recess</i>	<i>Recess</i>	<i>Recess</i>
10:45 AM – 1:15 PM	Language Arts	High School Tour	Language Arts	Planning for Grade 8	Community Workshop

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