

Refugee Protection Claimant

In order for a K-12 student to be eligible for a provincially funded education in British Columbia (BC), the student and his or her biological parent(s) must meet specific criteria. These criteria are determined by the BC Ministry of Education and not by individual school districts. For more information you can review the [BC Ministry of Education Eligibility of Students for Operating Grant Funding site](#).

Parent(s) and child must have already arrived in BC and be currently residing in the Surrey School District (Surrey or White Rock). Applications are accepted for consideration at any time of year.

Is My Child Eligible for Funding?

- You have made a claim for refugee status in Canada and the claim has not yet been determined
- You and your child have arrived in BC and are residing in Surrey or White Rock
- You submit all of the required documents

Required Documents

1. Funding Eligible [Application Form](#) (one per child)
2. [Child's refugee claimant document](#)
3. [Parent's refugee claimant document](#)
4. [Proof of address](#) in the name of the biological parent:
5. [Rental Agreement](#) (all 6 pages) or mortgage documents (all pages) **OR**, a utility (cable, electricity or gas only) bill. These are the only documents that will be accepted (no cell phone bills, bank statements, etc.)

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Application Process

1. Complete the Funding Eligible Application Form.
2. **Email all documents in one email** to ministryfunded@surreyschools.ca.
3. You will receive an automatic email reply and this is confirmation we have received your application (only one auto reply per day).
4. Your application will be reviewed and if you are missing any documents, you will be emailed a list of what is still required.
5. Upon approval of the application, you will be emailed a Letter of Acceptance (LOA) per child, English Language Learner (ELL) Assessment Notice (with the date and time of your child's English assessment), along with instructions on how to register at a school.

Application Tips

- Submit an application **for each child**
- For language assistance, please contact 604.543.3060
- All documents must be sent in JPEG or PDF files only

Questions?

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