



## Welcome to Surrey Schools! New Secondary (Grade 8-12) Students Starting Tuesday, September 2, 2025

To ensure a smooth transition into school life in Surrey for your student, please read carefully through the following information and check your email (and junk email) regularly for important information and updates from our office.

### Arrival Date

It is your responsibility to ensure you have reviewed the [latest entry requirements into Canada](#). Please inform International Education of your specific arrival date, once travel plans are confirmed. You will need to arrive in Surrey no later than **Sunday, August 24** to attend the mandatory orientation on August 25 and 26.

### English Assessment/Pre-Arrival Learning, Class Schedule and the First Week of School

All secondary students new to the Surrey Schools International Student Program are required to have their English language skills assessed online with **Vital English**. Students will be sent a link for the assessment and must complete it by their assigned date to facilitate course scheduling prior to arrival.

As part of the service provided by Vital English, students will also complete a **pre-arrival learning** course. The course has different modules designed to help students become more familiar with Canadian school, culture and customs. Please know that this course is in addition to our mandatory new student orientation on August 25 and 26.

Assessment results and course requests will be sent by our office to the student's school to create their class schedule. Please note that no specific courses are guaranteed. If students wish to make changes to their schedule, they must make an appointment with their school counsellor **after** they have arrived in Surrey (counsellor information available on all school websites).

**Note** – International students are not required to complete an additional registration process at their school. Check your school's website or contact your school office upon arrival regarding school start times and start-up procedures for new students.

### Secondary Orientation (Mandatory)

The Surrey Schools International Student Secondary Orientation is **mandatory** for all new secondary students. More detailed information regarding time and location will be provided at a later date.

- **Dates:** Monday, August 25 AND Tuesday, August 26.

### Immunization/Vaccination Records

You will be asked to submit a copy of your immunization/vaccination records **to your school office**. Parents, please ensure you send a copy of these records with your child.

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### School Records

If not already submitted, please provide copies of the following transcripts to us by **July 25, 2025** to [internationaled@surreyschools.ca](mailto:internationaled@surreyschools.ca):

- 2023-2024 Final Transcripts
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It is mandatory to submit a student's final transcripts. **Failure to do so can result in a delay of start date and assigning of transfer credit for graduating students.**

- Please mark "UPDATED SCHOOL RECORDS" in the subject line of the email, and include the student's name and international student number (e.g. SMITH, John #12345-UPDATED SCHOOL RECORDS). Please attach only new/updated transcripts as one pdf document.
- To receive external language credits for your first language, please provide proof of 3 years of education completed in your first language (e.g. last grade of elementary plus 2 more grades).

### Medical Insurance

Basic medical insurance coverage is managed by the International Education Department, and is included in student program fees. Medical insurance information is emailed to the custodian or parent living in Surrey.

**Medical insurance coverage takes effect August 20, 2025. If the student arrives prior to this date, you are responsible for ensuring that the student has appropriate medical insurance coverage up until this date.**

**If the student has had previous medical coverage with BC Medical Services Plan (MSP), please email the MSP Healthcare number to [internationaled@surreyschools.ca](mailto:internationaled@surreyschools.ca) as soon as possible.**

### Re-registration for January 2026 (2025-2026 Semester 2)

If registered for only one semester, and you are interested in extending your stay for the second semester, you must notify us in October – **no later than October 31.**

### Parent/Custodian/Homestay Information

Agents, custodians, and parents, custodians are responsible for ensuring that the International Education Department has current parent, custodian, and homestay contact information (including email addresses).

**Please promptly inform our office** of any changes to contact information or status throughout the school year.

Please **check your email regularly** for messages from the International Education Department or your school, and a reminder to also **check your junk mail**. If necessary, you may need to adjust your system to allow emails from @surreyschools.ca.

### More Information

Thank you for choosing to Study in Surrey! Our goal is to work with you to ensure all students have an enriching study abroad experience. For more information, please contact the Surrey Schools International Education Department by phone: 604.595.6168 or [internationaled@surreyschools.ca](mailto:internationaled@surreyschools.ca).