



A Great Place to Live & Study

New Westminster is a wonderful Canadian community. British Columbia's oldest city, New Westminster is full of friendly people, beautiful parks, charming shops, interesting historical buildings, and a strong community spirit. This is a small, safe, and pleasant place to live and study. We are part of Greater Vancouver, and downtown Vancouver is only 25 minutes away by the SkyTrain.

Greater Vancouver, Western Canada's largest city, is an exciting and beautiful cosmopolitan place set between the mountains and the ocean. Many international organizations say that **Greater Vancouver is one of the top 10 places in the world** to live and visit. Our weather is very pleasant: warm sunny summers (20° – 26°C) and mild winters (3° – 10°C). Sports such as hiking, sailing, and skiing are very popular, as is the great shopping, many cultural events, and thousands of restaurants with foods from all over the world!

We Take Good Care of You!

The International Education Program's multilingual staffs are conveniently located in New Westminster Secondary School, right next to your classrooms. We provide you with many important services, including **homestay placement, academic and personal counselling, medical insurance, Student Visa extensions, TOEFL registration, and general information** about New Westminster and Greater Vancouver.

Homestay is an important part of your study-abroad experience. Our Homestay Coordinator will arrange a friendly Canadian family for you to live with. We carefully select families that provide a safe, comfortable and happy home environment for you, plus 3 meals every day and a furnished bedroom. All homestay families must pass our screening process, which includes personal interviews, a home inspection, and reference checks.

Canadian Leaders in International Education

New Westminster School District was one of the first districts in Canada to accept international students. Since 1987, many students and adults from around the world have come to participate in our long-term and short-term programs. Canadian public education has an excellent worldwide reputation.

Long-term students have 3 programs to choose from. In **High School Completion**, you live and study in New Westminster until you graduate with an official British Columbia High School Diploma. You are integrated into academic classes and activities with Canadian students. We also have a complete English as a Second Language (ESL) program for improving your English. Completing high school in New Westminster is excellent preparation for university or college. Many of our graduates go on to top universities across Canada, the U.S.A., and around the world.

The **Academic Year Abroad** program is similar to High School Completion, except that you stay with us for one school year. Official high-school credits are granted for your academic courses, which you can usually transfer back to your home country.

As well, **Elementary and Middle School Programs** are available for students aged 5 – 13.

Short-Term students also can choose from several exciting programs, including **English Study Tours, Intensive English, Customized Group Programs, and Adult Programs**. Short-term programs provide many exciting opportunities to gain valuable international experience and education.

Excellent Facilities & Recreation

New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS) is the main high school in New Westminster; we also have many elementary and middle schools for younger students. NWSS is one British Columbia's largest and best-equipped high schools. NWSS facilities include: 5 computer labs including ones specializing in Internet and multimedia, 3 gymnasiums, a full-service cafeteria, a large sports field, an ice-skating rink, a 3,000-seat professional theatre, and specialized classrooms for sciences, art, and music. International students have free access to e-mail.

Our schools have many clubs for sports, music, culture, and community service. In addition, New Westminster has excellent Community Centers with a variety of recreation programs. We encourage you to participate in extracurricular activities as part of your study-abroad experience.



New Westminister School District: ADMISSION

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. **Completed application form.** Please make sure that the student and the parents both sign the application.
2. **Current photograph** (one).
3. **Original or certified true copies of school transcripts** for the current school year and the previous 2 years. Transcripts **must** be translated into English.
4. **Letter of Recommendation** from English teacher or principal (local **transfer** students only).
5. **Application fee**, payable to New Westminister School District.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. **Application package:** Please send all required documents to the *General Manager* in the *International Education Programs Office* of the New Westminister School District.
2. **Letter of Offer:** If your application is accepted, we will send you a Letter of Offer. The Letter of Offer will state the program you have been accepted into, the fees payable to the school, and instructions for payment. If you are not accepted, we will send you a Letter of Refusal.
3. **Pay Fees:** To confirm your place in the school, pay the fees according to your Letter of Offer. Fees can be paid by bank-transfer, money order, or certified cheque.
4. **Official Letter of Acceptance:** When we receive your fees in full, we will send you an Official Letter of Acceptance.
5. **Student Authorization:** With the Official Letter of Acceptance, you can apply for a Student Authorization (Student Visa) at the Canadian Embassy nearest you.
6. **Come to New Westminister:** When you get your Student Authorization, you can come to New Westminister!

FEE SCHEDULE for LONG-TERM PROGRAMS

Effective July 1, 2009

Fee	Duration	CAD \$
Application Fee	One-time (non-refundable)	\$150
Tuition Fee	One School Year	\$12,000
Tuition Fee	One Semester	\$6,500
Book Deposit	One-time (refundable at the end of the program)	\$200
Homestay Application Fee	One-time (non-refundable)	\$300
Homestay Deposit (Gr. 9-12)	One-time (refundable at the end of the program)	\$800
Homestay Deposit (Gr. 7-8)	One-time (refundable at the end of the program)	\$850
Homestay Fee (Gr. 9-12)*	One month (payable monthly)	\$800
Homestay Fee (Gr. 7-8)**	One month (payable monthly)	\$850
Medical Insurance	One year/ One semester	\$650/\$325
Optional: Homestay Airport Pick-up	One-time (payable with first month homestay fee)	\$50

Notes for Fee Schedule:

1. *Application fee can be paid by bank-transfer, money order, certified cheque, VISA, or MasterCard. Tuition and other fees can be paid by bank-transfer, money order, or certified cheque. Please make cheques or money-orders payable to New Westminister School District.*
2. *The fees listed are in Canadian dollars. Please note that the fees are subject to change without notice.*
3. **There is a daily homestay fee of \$27 per night during the Orientation Program for students, which begins 2 weeks before the semester starts. This fee is in addition to the fees listed. Students leaving after the end of the final day of the month of January or June also pay \$27 per night. **Daily homestay fee of \$29 per night for students in Grades 7-8.*
4. *There is a homestay monitoring fee of \$50 per semester for students continuing in the homestay program for the subsequent semester(s), after the first two semesters.*
5. *Students should be aware that there are additional school participation fees payable during the school year. Please contact the International Education Program Office for details.*

REFUND POLICY for TUITION FEES

1. All requests for refunds must be made **in writing** to the *General Manager, International Education Program Office*.
2. **FULL REFUND** (less application fees) will be given if Canadian Immigration does not approve a student authorization. To obtain a refund, a request in writing must include a formal letter of rejection and the original Letter of Acceptance issued by the International Education Program, New Westminister School District No. 40. It should be received by the *General Manager* within six months of the date of refusal.
3. **2/3 REFUND** when a student withdraws or becomes a landed immigrant prior to the commencement of the program.
4. **1/2 REFUND** when a student withdraws or becomes a landed immigrant after commencement of the program but before 30 calendar days have elapsed.
5. **NO REFUND** granted to:
 - i. Student who withdraws from any course after 30 days from the commencement of the program.
 - ii. Student who withdraws or becomes a landed immigrant after 30 days from the commencement of the program.
 - iii. Student who withdraws after 30 days after enrollment date.
 - iv. Student who is dismissed from the Program due to breach of the law or regulation as determined by Government of Canada, the Police, the New Westminister School District No. 40, and/or the International Education Program.