

RE: Arrival Preparation

Dear Student,

We are looking forward to your arrival to New Westminster in the next few days or weeks. Please follow the steps below to ensure a smooth connection with your homestay family.

1. Before arrival, contact your host family to make an arrival plan by exchanging email messages. You can find your host family's email (and home) address on your homestay family profile. Add your host family as friend on social network app so it is easy to connect.

If your arrival plans change at the last moment, please email (or call) both your host family and the International Education (iep@sd40.bc.ca) office immediately.

2. Upon arrival at the airport, you will go through Canadian Immigration and then luggage collection. This can sometimes take up to two hours or more to complete.

- If you are arriving on a visitor status, please ask officials to **stamp your passport** or request a Visitor Note which shows how long you can remain in Canada.
- If you are full school year student, please make sure that you receive the **study permit** from the border service officer.

3. Due to the time required to pass through customs and receive luggage, we ask your host family to be at the airport one hour *after* your scheduled arrival time.

4. If you enter the arrival lobby and your host family is not yet there to greet you, please **stay** in the arrival area with your luggage. Your host family will arrive shortly to find you (usually with a sign with your name on it).

5. In the very unlikely event that no one has come to meet you at the airport within two hours of your scheduled arrival time, please call your host family home and/or cell phone number or the **Homestay Emergency Number** at **604.356.4980**.

We very much look forward to your arrival and welcoming you to our high school and the community of New Westminster.

Sincerely,

Eva Shen
Homestay Manager
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