



New in Canada Welcome Centre



S.W.I.S.
Settlement Workers
in Schools



Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)

SWIS are here to help Permanent Resident and Refugee students and families thrive in their school communities.

Ways we can support your school communities include:

Support Students to: -

- ✓ Learn about the school system and how to get involved.
- ✓ Engage in school life and access programs, after-school activities, employment, and post-secondary pathways.
- ✓ Connect with community and social networks.

Support Parents & Guardians to: -

- ✓ Understand the BC school system.
- ✓ Assist your child's educational journey.
- ✓ Connect with community and government resources..
- ✓ Receive guidance and referrals for settlement and future planning.

Additional Supports

-  Attend school meetings to facilitate communication between families and school staff.
-  Not permitted to provide written translation services.
-  Offer wrap-around support for vulnerable, multi-barriered, and high-needs children, youth, and their families.
-  Promote equity by supporting school communities with cultural responsiveness.
-  Help students, parents & guardians adjust to the school environment and understand Canadian cultures.
-  Participate in school orientations and open houses to build relationships with newcomer families.

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Meet the Team!



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Russian
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