

Transforming Students To Global Citizens

GREATER VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dear Agents, Parents and Custodians,

The Langley School District International Student Program is working to keep pace with the ever-changing global health situation, and we'd like to reassure you that the safety of our students is always our first priority. Langley School District continues to work closely with British Columbia Ministries of Health and Education to ensure the continued safety and well-being of all students and staff. You can refer to the SD₃₅ website https://www.sd35.bc.ca/ for continued updates.

School

The Ministry of Education has immediately suspended in-person learning indefinitely in all BC K-12 schools. The Province and our District is committed to continuity of learning to provide education to our students in a different forum, most likely through online instruction and support. According to BC Minister of Education, Rob Fleming: "I want to reassure parents and students: Every student will receive a final mark. All students who are on track to move to the next grade in fall will do so." Additionally, Minister Fleming went on to confirm that all students eligible to graduate and have met all the requirements will graduate. Currently, we are in the midst of our previously scheduled Spring Break of March 16-27. This allows for Langley School District to work with the Ministry of Education toward the practical implementation of this continuous learning plan. We will provide updated information as it becomes available.

Early Return to Home Country

We have received some inquiries from agents and parents about students returning home early. Due to travel restrictions and the closure of our Canadian border as well as need to self-isolate upon arrival in Canada, we do not anticipate that students that choose to leave will be able to return to Langley for the remainder of the 2019-20 academic year.

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Medical Insurance

For those with a study permit and covered with the <u>BC Medical Services Plan (MSP)</u>:

If a student were to get sick here in British Columbia during their time in our program, they are insured. This includes if the student were to contract COVID-19 during their time here in our province.

For those without a study permit and covered with Guard.me private insurance:

If a student were to get sick here in British Columbia during their time in our program, they are insured for anything that is not a pre-existing condition. This includes if the student were to contract COVID-19 during their time here in our province.

Refund Policy

Please see https://www.studyinlangley.com/admissions/fees-process/ refund policy. At this time, it has not changed to take into account current events. Therefore, at this time we are unable to comment on how we will treat the various scenarios, particularly for our September 2020 intake. Many of the decisions – borders closing, schools going on longer breaks – are made by different levels of government. Langley School District District will consider these decisions when their effects become more clear.

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Please know that more information will be shared as soon as it is available. Thank you for your attention as we work through this challenging and unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

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