Bridge High School Program (Continual Intake)

Description:

Newcomer English Language Learners are identified at the time of ELL assessment and referred to the Bridge Program based on individual needs. The Bridge program participants receive group and one-to-one support to strengthen cultural, social and literacy skills. In addition, students will receive support to address migration and settlement barriers and ease their transition to secondary school or to the workplace through trauma-informed practice at the Welcome Centre before transitioning to their home school. On average, students receive minimum of 10 weeks of support, and up to 20-30 weeks based on individual needs.

Target Participants:

Immigrant youth aged 13 to 18 years within their first 3 years in Canada, who have arrived with one or more of the following experiences/challenges:

- Significant literacy and education gaps
- Significant social and communication barriers due to language and cultural differences
- Mental and emotional issues resulting from trauma

Program Goals:

Students develop meaningful and realistic short and long-term education goals. Vulnerable immigrant youth receive settlement support to ease their transition into the school system while increasing connections with the school and community.

Referral Process:

School Counsellor and Teacher should discuss the suitability of this program with the student and parents and then complete and submit this Bridge Referral Form to the Welcome Centre.

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