

## What is a Newcomer Reception Centre?

- Newcomer Reception Centres provide initial reception and assessment of English language and mathematics skills for newcomer students of secondary school age. These assessments will help the local secondary school place the new student into the appropriate high school credit program.
- Each Reception Centre has multilingual staff who can assist newcomer students and their families in learning about the school system in Ontario.
- Newcomer families also have the opportunity to meet with a settlement worker who can give information on such topics as finding housing, looking for employment, accessing health care in Ontario and connecting with a variety of support agencies.

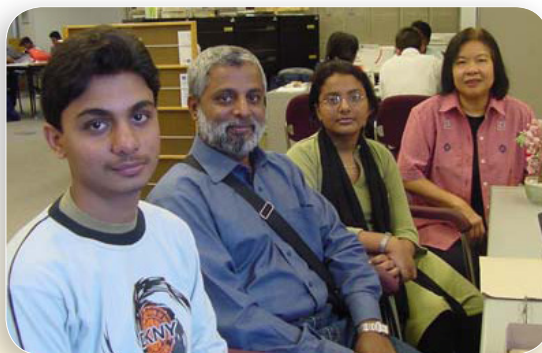
## Who needs to be assessed?

- All newcomer students of secondary school age must have an assessment of their English language and mathematics skills at one of the TDSB's two Newcomer Reception Centres before registering at their local secondary school.



## What happens during your visit to the Centre?

- Students spend a full day at the Centre doing various assessment activities with the Newcomer Reception Centre teachers. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to come with the student to the appointment and return at the end of the day to discuss the student's assessment with the teachers and guidance counsellor. There is a break for lunch and it is strongly advised that the student brings a lunch.



For more information on ESL/ELD  
support please visit the  
TDSB Website:

**[www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca)**

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**Welcoming Newcomer Students  
and their Families to  
TDSB Secondary Schools**



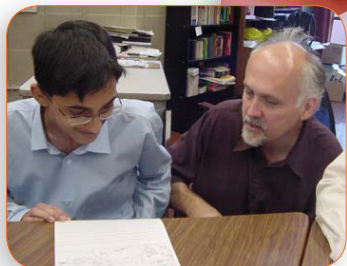
**[www.tdsb.on.ca/newcomers](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/newcomers)**

## How do you book an appointment?

- Students and their families must book an appointment by telephone at any of the Newcomer Reception Centre locations. Due to the large number of newcomer students requiring assessments, it is not possible to accommodate walk-in requests for immediate assessment.
- The busiest times of the year are August, September and January. During peak times there may be a waiting time of several days to receive an appointment.

## What should you bring?

- Appropriate legal documentation
- Two pieces of proof of current Toronto address (rental agreement, telephone bill, bank statement, driver's license, or government document with your current Toronto address)
- School documents from the student's previous school, if available
- Proof of immunization, if available
- Lunch



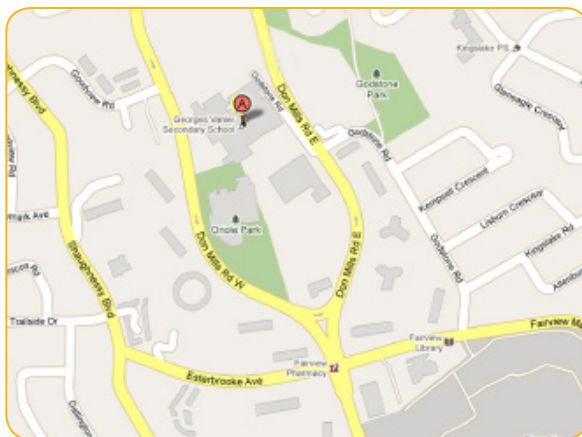
## Where are the TDSB Newcomer Reception Centres located?



### Georges Vanier Reception Centre

Telephone: 416-395-9440  
3000 Don Mills Road East, M2J 3B6  
(Room 201C in Georges Vanier Secondary School)

Two traffic lights south of Finch or  
3 bus stops north from the Don Mills  
subway station. This location serves students  
attending secondary schools in the  
northeast area of Toronto.



### West End Reception Centre

Telephone: 416-393-0542  
777 Bloor Street West, M6G 1L6  
(4th floor of the Bickford Centre building)

South side of Bloor near the Christie  
subway station. This location serves students  
attending secondary schools in the  
northwest and southwest areas of Toronto.

