



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73  
(Kamloops-Thompson)

# Kamloops International Student Program Travel and Arrival Protocol - 2023

**Please note: As travel regulations have changed frequently in past few years, students need to work with their travel agents and educational agents to assure that they are following the travel conditions in place at the time of their travel.**

Our first priority remains the health and safety of our students, host families and school communities. It is important to note that Canadian educational institutions must follow the regulations and recommendations of various authorities, including the government of Canada, provincial and local public health authorities.

Please ensure you have an active personal email account that you check regularly every day.

## Pre-Departure:

### Communication and Relationship Building Between Homestay and Student

- Have several Zoom or Skype meetings to get to know one another or re-connect
- Exchange emails and cell phone numbers and program into phones
- Confirm arrival plans
- Please also make sure you have handy your Homestay address and contact information.

## Packing

### Consider Pre-Purchasing a Canadian cell phone plan and SIM Card

- Host Family will support students to get a Canadian cell phone plan when they arrive (mandatory for safety and communication reasons)
- Another option is to get a Canadian cell number and plan before you come to Canada. A SIM card can be delivered to your home!
- <https://try.gophonebox.com/newarrivals>

Please also make sure you have the following documents packed in your carry-on luggage in clear folders.

- Passport
- Study permit or permit confirmation document (if you have one)
- Custodianship documents
- Letter of Acceptance
- Homestay profile and contact information



- ISP Contact emergency phone number during travel: **Alice Lamb 250-319-7832**

- Contact information for your homestay family



Please also bring a change of clothes and travel appropriate snacks.

Students requiring prescription eyewear should bring a spare pair along with a recent copy of your prescription.

### Keep your cell phone charged

- You will need your cell phone to contact your homestay family or the person who is picking you up when you arrive. Please make sure that it is charged throughout the flight.

### Bring a refillable water bottle with you

If you need help at the airport go to the Information desk or look for volunteers who can help you.

### Proceed through immigration and baggage pick up while maintaining physical distancing

- If you are a new student who has a study permit approval letter **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PICK UP YOUR STUDY PERMIT FROM THE IMMIGRATION.** If you are unsure what to do, ask at the information desk.

### Proceed to your next gate to prepare for your flight to Kamloops.

### Arrival at Kamloops Airport

Kamloops is a very small airport and easy to navigate.

Upon arrival in Kamloops, proceed through the airport.

You must have the documents outlined under 'Packing'.

### Text your host family/person who is picking you up

- Once you have left the plane, immediately text your homestay to let them know you have arrived and that you are off the plane.

