



Located at:  
 749 King Street West, Unit 203, Kitchener, Ontario N2G 1E4  
 519-576-3018



**The Welcome Centre is open:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1 - 4 pm  
 Tuesday and Thursday 9 am - 4 pm

**BUS ROUTES:**

**From Downtown Kitchener** (Charles Street Terminal):  
 Take bus 7c or 7d or 7e.  
 Get off at Central Fresh Market.

**From Waterloo** (University or Conestoga Mall):  
 Take bus 7a or 7b or 7c. Get off at Central Fresh Market.

**From Fairview Mall:** Take bus 7c or 7d or 7e  
 Stay on the bus at the terminal. Get off at Central Fresh Market.

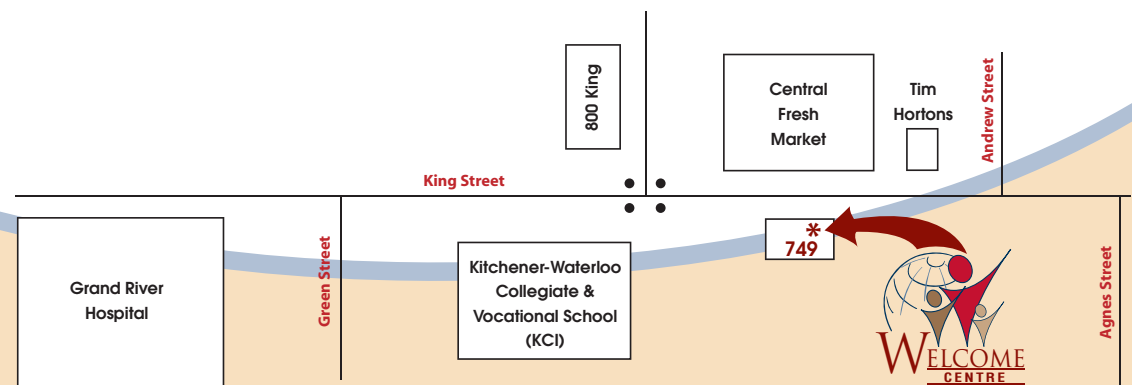
**From Cambridge** (Ainslie Street Terminal):  
 Take i-Xpress to Downtown Kitchener. Before you sit down you must ask for a transfer ticket.  
 When you get to the Charles Street Terminal, take bus 7c or 7d or 7e. Get off at Central Fresh Market.

**Inviting Newcomers to the  
 Waterloo Region District School Board  
 519-576-3018**

The Welcome Centre introduces newcomer families to our community in a caring and professional manner. Our assessment service helps students receive the best programming so that they can have a good beginning at school in Canada.



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## WHO NEEDS AN ASSESSMENT?

- Students new to Canada whose first language is not English
- Students new to Waterloo Region whose first language is not English, and who have been in an English school in Canada for less than 5 years
- Any student from a French Language School in Canada
- International students

## HOW DO YOU BOOK AN APPOINTMENT?

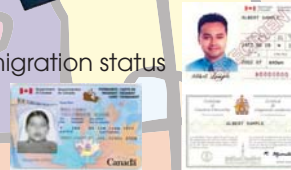
- The Home School or the Settlement Worker calls the Welcome Centre to book an appointment: **519-576-3018**

## WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?

➔ Passport



➔ Proof of immigration status



➔ Proof of immunization



➔ Proof of address  
(rental agreement,  
house deed or  
utility bill)



➔ Telephone number

➔ Most recent school documents  
(if possible)

## WHAT HAPPENS AT THE WELCOME CENTRE?

- Families are introduced to the Waterloo Region District School Board community
- With the help of translators, the assessors gather information from the parents about the personal history and academic background of the students
- Students are assessed in English and Math
- Assessors identify English and Math proficiency levels, recommend appropriate programming and prepare a report for the school
- Settlement workers provide information about the Ontario School System and connect parents to appropriate community services



### NOTE:

- This assessment process usually takes:
- 1-2 hours (elementary students)
  - 2-3 hours (secondary students)

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE ASSESSMENT?

- The assessor provides feedback to the family and student regarding assessment results and recommendations. Also, newcomers will receive information about the Ontario school system
- The Welcome Centre calls the school to book a registration appointment
- The Assessment Report is sent to the school before the registration appointment

