



School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM**

Arriving at Vancouver Airport

Most international students arrive in British Columbia at the Vancouver International Airport and clear Customs there. Once you arrive at the airport, you can easily make a connection to Penticton. This is a 40-minute flight. Both Air Canada and WestJet make several flights each day between Vancouver and Penticton.

During the beginning of a semester there are many students, from many school districts and universities navigating the same process. There will be a lot of airline, airport, and immigration personnel on hand to help students with the process.

The following instructions show you where to go once you arrive at Vancouver International Airport.

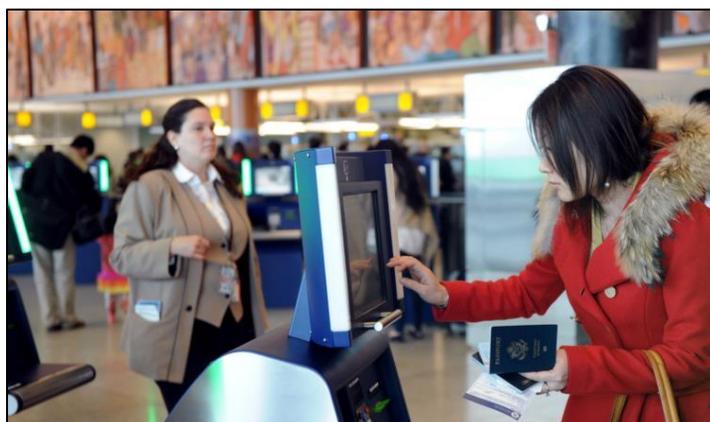
Please make sure you tell the airline while booking the flight and while checking in that your student will be an “unaccompanied minor”.

Before departure from your home country, travellers will be provided with a minimum of 2 boarding passes (printed or electronically). Please keep the final boarding pass safe for use in Vancouver.

After your arrival to Vancouver International Airport, you will need to follow the “All Passengers” signs. This will lead you to a Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) Officer.



Line up at the port of entry which where you will prepare to see the CBSA officer. The officer will ask you for your travel documents. Having your documents ready will speed up your entry into Canada.



You will need to use one of the kiosks to answer declaration questions and to scan your passport. You will receive a printed slip of paper to take with you to the next step of immigration. If you need English translation, you may ask for an interpreter.

Now you must go to Canada Immigration to get your study permit. This is where you give the officer your study permit approval letter.

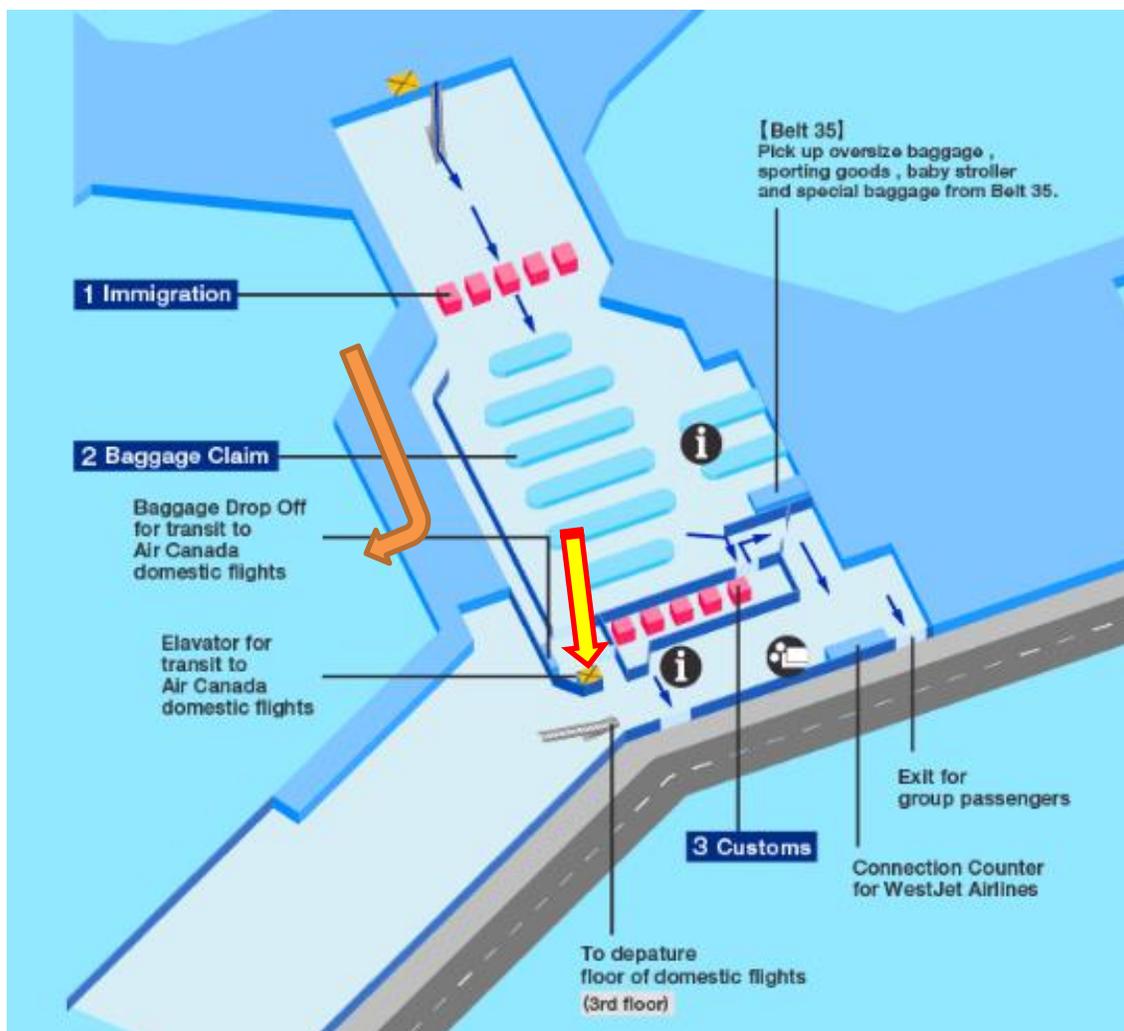
Answer questions clearly and honestly. If you don't understand his question say "I don't understand your question." A translator can be provided if necessary.



Pick up your luggage at the Baggage Claim section.



After picking up your luggage, go to "Domestic Connections". Go to Air Canada's counter and present your boarding pass for Penticton and check-in your luggage for the connecting flight to Penticton.



To get to your connecting flight
- Begin following signs for
Domestic Connections



Continue to follow the signs
until you reach the
Domestic Terminal.

Continue to follow the signs until
you find your specific gate.



Once you have found your gate, you will likely have a bit of a wait for your flight to Penticton. It's a good time to go to the washroom, purchase a snack or even a meal if you are hungry. You will need Canadian currency.

Wait in the seats near the gate and listen for the boarding announcements.



When your flight number is called you will approach the gate and again show your boarding pass to Penticton and your passport.

Arrival in Penticton



The flight to Penticton is about 50 minutes in total. Your host family and/or a representative from the International Student Program will be at the airport in Penticton to welcome you.

Your luggage should appear on the conveyer belt in a few moments. Pick up your luggage.

Your host family will drive you to your new home.

Be sure to contact your parents at home to let them know you have arrived safely.

Welcome to Penticton and your new home!