



Welcome to Delta Summer Programs!

Thank you for registering for a summer program in Delta! We hope that your child/student finds their time with us both educational and enjoyable. This handout should answer some of the main questions you might have – but if it does not please feel free to email us at study@GoDelta.ca.

We offer three different summer programs –

- Morning ESL (for students who are here with parents only) (Grades 1 – 12)
- All Day ESL (9am – 3pm) (Grade 4+)
- Morning ESL and afternoon activities (9am – 4:40 pm) (Grade 4+)

Please make sure your child/student knows which program they are registered in!

When should my child arrive in Canada?

The dates on the application form INCLUDES arrival and departure dates. For example, the application indicates that Week #1 starts on July 5th, 2020. This means that students should **ARRIVE** on July 5th (not before). Students always arrive on a Sunday and leave on the Saturday after their program ends. Unless students are with their parents or with a private custodian and in private homestay, these arrival and departure times are firm and set. The first day of classes is always the day AFTER the arrival date. So, classes for Week #1 would start on July 6th.

Who will pick them up at the airport?

For students staying in our homestay, students are picked up by the homestay at the airport.

For some groups (20 or more) students may be picked up at the airport and brought to a central location for an orientation and pick up by homestay.

Students in a private homestay situation should be picked up at the airport by their private homestay or private custodian. For students arriving and staying with parents, parents are responsible for their transportation and living arrangements while in Canada. We do not offer homestay for parents.

How do they get to school?

Homestays will typically take students to school and pick them up.

In some cases, if it is appropriate for the age, confidence level and language level of the student, students may walk if their homestay is close to the school once the homestay is confident they know where they are going. Elementary aged students will either be driven or will have an adult or older teenager walk with them.

Some students with homestays in Tsawwassen, if attending Delta Manor, may take the bus, again only if age and language appropriate. The homestay would pay for the bus in this case.

What is provided at school?

Students are provided with all the necessary school supplies as part of the program. There is a microwave and a 'hot pot' with hot water provided at the school, however students will need to bring their own lunch and cutlery for lunch. If students are in our homestay program, their lunch will be provided by the homestay.

Students are NOT allowed to leave the school grounds at lunch time or breaks to buy food or for any other reason.

What happens on the first day of classes?

On the first day of classes, students will be escorted to a central location for a welcome, English assessment and orientation by the site Vice Principal. Students are placed in the appropriate class by age and ability.

Who are the teachers?

All of the teachers are BC certified teachers, most of whom work in the Delta School District at our elementary and high schools.

Activity supervisors are experienced teachers and school support staff from Delta and neighbouring districts.

What do they learn?

The emphasis is English language learning – a combination of reading, writing, speaking and listening. Every week there is a different theme which provides a vehicle for learning and ensures that students are not repeating activities from week to week. Although this is 'summer camp' we do have high expectations of our teachers regarding the quality of what they provide and the rigour of the classes.

Who are the students?

This is ESL programming, so for all students, English is a second (or third or fourth language). There are some Canadian ESL students, as well as students from other countries – typically China, Japan, Korea, Germany, Mexico, Thailand, Brazil, Vietnam, Italy and others. The exact mix varies from year to year, week to week and class to class. We do our best to ensure a diverse and inclusive program.

What supports does my child receive?

Students are supported in a variety of ways.

- District homestay and custodial support (if they have district homestay and custodian)
- Site Vice-Principals on site through class time
- Multicultural staff – Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish and Vietnamese
- District administration and administrative staff
- Amazing, caring teachers and activity supervisors

What can I do if my child wants to change programs (for example from all day ESL to morning ESL and afternoon activities)?

Please contact either the site administrator or our district staff and we can arrange for an alteration of the program depending on space. Program alterations are subject to fees.

What does my child receive at the end of the program?

All students receive a report card reflecting their progress during the program as well as a certificate.

What does my child do after school time and on weekends?

Some of the best learning there is! Students spend time with their host family doing what Canadian families would typically do on weekends. Please note that although we expect host families to actively engage students, they are not tour guides. Students will get to experience real Canadian life – they may see some sites, go to the beach, have a BBQ in the backyard, go for a hike or whatever else their homestay may have happening.

What should they pack?

Summers in the Vancouver area are mild, but it can rain; it is a coastal climate and evenings can be chilly. Students should be prepared for a variety of temperatures and activities and should bring shorts, t-shirts, pants, and sweatshirts in case of a chilly evening. Students should have practical and comfortable footwear as well as active-wear like bathing suits. Canadian schools and sites tend to be very casual, but students might want to have one item of 'nicer' clothes in case they go out with a homestay to a restaurant or a family event.

How much spending money should they bring?

Spending habits depend on the age and preference of the student. That being said, no more than \$100 per week should be necessary.

What is the cancellation policy?

Students whose visa is rejected will receive a full refund (except for the application fee and homestay placement fee).

Students may withdraw before they attend and receive a 66% refund.

Once students have arrived in the country and attended classes, they cannot receive a refund, even for future weeks. The program encompasses the entire time the student is present in Delta. Who do I contact if I have any questions or concerns?

Please contact the director of International Student Program, Karen Symonds, with any questions or concerns.

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