

Irvine Unified School District

NEWCOMERS' PROGRAM
for Newcomers Grades 9 – 12

Students arriving in the United States to enroll in any IUSD high school and who have very limited English skills are at a great disadvantage when starting school. It is difficult for these beginning students to comprehend the instruction in the classrooms. Earning credits in regular classes for these students can be a problem. Under California State Law, schools must provide an ELD Immersion Program for this type of student.

For those students in Grades 9-12 arriving in our school district with very limited English skills, the Irvine District has an English immersion program, the Newcomers' Program, available.

- The program is offered only to students entering an IUSD high school in the 9 -12 grade who are at the beginning stage of English language development.
- The program is located on the University High School campus located at 4771 Campus Drive.
- The focus of the program is acquisition of English language proficiency. Students will learn:
 - ▶ English listening, speaking, reading and writing
 - ▶ English vocabulary related to academic content areas
 - ▶ The “way things are done” in U.S. schools
 - ▶ Expectations of U.S. teachers about discipline, homework, independent and group work participation in class
 - ▶ How to use research and study facilities in a school and the community
- The 6 period day at University High will consist of:
 - ▶ English Language Development 3 periods
 - ▶ ELD Science 4 1 period
 - ▶ ELD Social Science 1 period
 - ▶ Coed Physical Education 1 period
- ELD I STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO RESIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL FOR ELD 2
A student who completes the 2-semester course of study for ELD 1 or meets exit criteria will return to his/her neighborhood high school to complete his/her educational experience. **Students will not stay at University High School.** Transition to the home campus will take place at semester break only.

It is important for parents and guardians to complete the following sequence of steps for enrollment:

1. Visit the registration office of your residence high school.

Irvine High 936-7000
4321 Walnut
Irvine, CA 92604

University High 936-7600
4771 Campus Drive
Irvine, CA 92604

Woodbridge High 936-7800
2 Meadowbrook
Irvine, CA 92604

Northwood High 936-6680
4515 Portola Parkway
Irvine, CA 9220

2. Bring proof of residence, immunizations, birthdate, prior school transcripts, etc., to obtain a registration packet.
3. Complete the registration packet as directed by the residence school office personnel and return to that same office personnel.

If your child's first language is other than English, an appointment for English testing will be made for you by the school office personnel. The testing is required by state law and is done only by appointment. The school clerk will give you a map to the test center and a "Ticket-to-Test" reminder of the appointment.

The results of the testing will be shared with you immediately after test completion. If the testing center staff determines that your youngster qualifies for the Newcomers' Program, you will be provided with the details about attending the Newcomers' Program.

4. If your child qualifies as a beginner in English language, he or she will attend the ELD Newcomers Program located at University High School. The completed registration packet and test results will be accepted at University High for enrollment in the Newcomers' Program.
5. If your child does not qualify for the ELD Newcomers' Program, you will need to return to your residence high school with the test results to proceed with the enrollment documentation process at your residence school.

If you have any questions, you may obtain additional information about the Newcomers' Program by calling:

Language Minority Programs
Telephone (949) 936-8501

Arabic/English	Samira Kassouni	936-8503
Farsi	Shahrazad Farjadi	936-8504
Japanese/English	June Yoshinari	936-8505

Questions about I-20 forms for foreign students, etc., can be addressed to Student Services in the IUSD Administrative Office at 5050 Barranca Parkway.