

Multilingual Acculturation Studies for Newcomers

Course Information:

- Rising 9th and 10th grade students participating in the Newcomer Language Institute (Camp Welcome) will earn a .5 credit in the TEA innovative course “Multilingual Acculturation Studies for Newcomers”.

Program Overview

The course is embedded in SBISD’s Camp Welcome, a four-week instructional program created to support English Language development for newcomer students as they transition into U.S. schools. The program provides a comprehensive, interdisciplinary approach to language development and acclimation to our schools and community, focusing on the following:

- English Reading and Phonics
- Conversational English
- Science, Art, Music, and Physical Education

Sample Student Activities

- Goal setting
- Conversational English activities for navigating the school environment
- Phonics and reading comprehension lessons
- Oral language practice embedded throughout the day, including project-based learning in Science, Art, Music, and Physical Education classes
- Personal narratives
- Exploration of routines, structures, and expectations in U.S. schools
- Lessons on adjusting to change and building resilience with Communities in Schools (CIS) staff