

Supporting Academic Achievement for Refugee and Other Newcomer Students

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Commonly Used Acronyms and Terms

ORR - Office of Refugee Resettlement

Arizona RRP / AZ RRP - Arizona Refugee Resettlement Program

RA - Resettlement Agency

- International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Catholic Charities
- Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSS – SW)
- Arizona Immigrant & Refugee Services (AIRS)

Newcomer - any immigrant student that has recently arrived in the United States

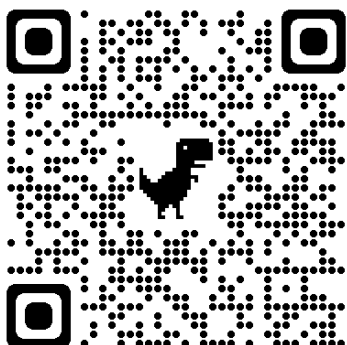
Refugee - a person who has fled his or her country of origin because of past persecution or a fear of future persecution based upon race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group.

Asylum-Seeking - individuals who, on their own, travel to the United States and have applied for and are awaiting to receive a grant of asylum.

Asylee - individuals who, on their own, travel to the United States and have received a grant of asylum. Qualify for ORR services.

Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM) – a refugee child or youth that has not attained 18 years of age and has no parent or legal guardian in the United States, or no parent or legal guardian in the United States available to provide care and physical custody.

Please note that the above list is not a complete list of newcomer classifications, but is intended to define a few commonly confused classifications.



Visit the ADE Refugee Student Support website for additional resources and upcoming learning opportunities!