



Newcomer Academy (3-8)

Principal: Yvette Irving
Administrative Designee/ELD Coach: Barbara Babin
2007-08 Enrollment: 115

Overview

The Newcomer Academy was established by the Redwood City School District in 2005 as a new school. The Academy's main focus is on serving students who are new to the country and to the English Language. The goals are to:

- (1) develop enough English to ensure their ability to succeed in their future classrooms, and
- (2) practice and master appropriate grade level standards. Therefore, it will provide a bridge for English Learner students to find success in a regular classroom.



Special Features

Newcomer teachers use research-based strategies to provide standards based lessons in a comprehensible manner. Our staff supports active student participation so that every child will succeed. Proven strategies are used to develop a classroom environment where students feel comfortable enough to take chances, make mistakes, and learn from a variety of experiences. After students are in the Newcomer Academy for one year they will be enrolled in Sheltered English Instruction classes in other Redwood City Schools. To help this transition the Newcomer students have opportunities to work with both North Star and MIT students during their enrichment and PE classes. We are excited about the opportunities this new school will give our newly arrived students.