

## Student Testimonials

*"RISE has helped me with my speaking, writing and reading. I made new friends and met amazing tutors who help us all the time with our school work. At RISE I had a family like I never had before."*

*"RISE is one of the things that will stay in my memory forever, because I met such awesome people that helped me start my life in the USA. I got to know different cultures and met people from different backgrounds that I never imagined I would meet."*

*"RISE has meant a lot of things. It helped me with homework, it gave me confidence in who I am and in my classes".*



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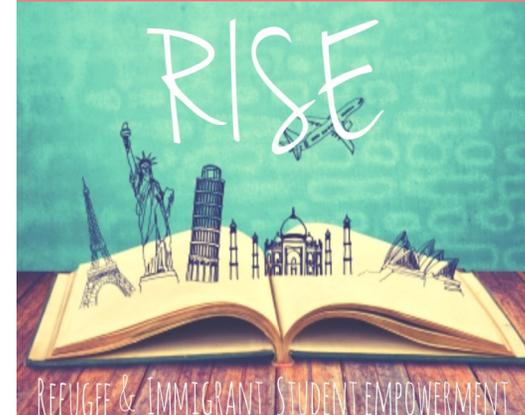
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# Refugee & Immigrant Student Empowerment Program



## Program Guide 2016-2017



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## Program Objective

To engage and empower immigrant and refugee high school students through a culturally responsive after school program. RISE provides both academic and social support to increase participants' likelihood of social integration, academic success, graduation from high school and the pursuit of college and career opportunities.

*RISE is delivered Monday-Thursday  
from 2:30pm-4:30pm at David  
Douglas High School*



## Program Overview

### Academic Support:

RISE provides after school academic support Monday-Thursday through drop-in **Homework Clubs**. Homework Club provides assistance with homework as well as additional skill building in school subjects, with a particular focus on English language learning. Volunteer tutors work with students both one on one and in groups to ensure tutoring is tailored to each student's needs.

### Parent Engagement:

RISE hosts parent dinners and information sessions throughout the school year. Parents come together to meet one another while being provided with information on the school system and IRCO support services.



### Conversation Clubs:

Conversation Club is delivered twice a week and aims to build confidence and skill at speaking English. Through games, activities, field trips, art projects and meaningful discussions, students increase their confidence speaking English and form meaningful friendships that provide a source of support as they navigate their new school.

## Volunteer Opportunities

RISE recruits volunteer tutors and group facilitators who are interested in tutoring and developing strong mentoring relationships with students. **Volunteers commit to one day a week (M-Th) from 2:30-5:00pm from September to June.** We accept applications year round and bring new volunteers into the program as needed. If you are interested in joining a supportive, dedicated and fun team - send us an application today!

### Volunteer Testimonials

***"I have gotten more than what I had hoped out of volunteering with RISE. The kids that we work with are amazing and very inspiring and I'm glad that I was able to work with such incredible volunteers. It has been a really great experience and I hope that I will be able to come back next year."***

***"RISE is one of the parts of my week I look forward to most! It's gotten me interested in pursuing teaching ESL as a career".***

