# Colorado's Promising Partnership Practices

# Lincoln Middle School IB World School

# **Newcomer Celebration**

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Lincoln Middle School uses the practice of **Newcomer Celebration** to welcome the newly arrived families and students to begin to acculturate and get involved in the US school system, meet the families, teachers and employees involved in their children's education.

#### **Everyone is welcome!**

We support newcomer student success through the collaboration of parents, school employees and the community along with promoting a good relationship between school and home.

### **EVENT AGENDA**

Families and their students learn about the educational system in the United States. Specifically, the learn about:

- Basics about Lincoln Middle School
- School Expectations
- Schedules
- ❖ IB rubric for grading
- Lunch Routines
- Attendance
- Transportation
- Assessments/Exams
- Medications and immunizations





## Lincoln Middle School

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#### **NEWCOMER CELEBRATION**

The families have an international dinner and are asked to bring a typical dish from their country of origin. The families mingle and get to know each other as they eat. During the event, administrators, teachers and the family liaison present school information to the families and interact with them.

As a result, families and newcomers feel more confident, and ready to study at their new school.

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

Newcomer families can be vulnerable and need a period of adjustment to the educational, cultural, and social environment of the United States.

## Countries & Languages at Lincoln:

- ✓ Mexico -Spanish
  ✓ Nicaragua -Spanish
- ✓ Brazil Portuguese ✓ Iran –Persian
- ✓ Libya -Arabic ✓ China -Mandarin
- ✓ Honduras -Spanish ✓ El Salvador -
- ✓ Philippines Spanish
- Tagalog✓ Japan -Japanese✓ Guatemala -✓ Korea -Korean
  - Spanish ✓ Uruguay -Spanish
- ✓ Iraq –Arabic
  ✓ Spain –Spanish