



Ritenour School District

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Who We Are

The International Welcome Center (IWC) serves Ritenour students from Hoech and Ritenour middle schools, as well as Ritenour High School, who need intensive English Language Learner (ELL) support with accelerated English training. The program provides an introduction to the U.S. culture and school system, and exposure to educational expectations and opportunities. The goal of the center is to provide up to a two-year transition for students into Ritenour High School or one of Ritenour's middle schools.



What We Teach

At the International Welcome Center, a team of dedicated staff members meets the needs of students and their parents. Ritenour teachers and teacher assistants help students learn how to read, write and speak English, as well as learn mathematics. Students also participate in weekly nutrition and cooking classes through a partnership with a regional university. A bilingual interpreter is the center's parent liaison. In addition, district social workers assist with students and families each week. While at the center, high school students earn credit toward graduation. The IWC gives students the support they need throughout their school day in a small, intimate environment that values their home cultures.



Community Outreach

In addition to helping the students academically, the center also helps their parents or guardians navigate the school community. The staff provides information about community resources, health-care services and social service agencies that can help non-English speaking families. Ritenour also offers free English classes for adults, parenting classes and many other resources.

For more information visit: www.ritenourschools.org