

Immigrant children and youth:

are age 3-21; were not born in any state; have less than 3 academic years in U.S. schools

Refugee:

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

Asylee:

an individual who, on his/her own, travels to the U.S. and subsequently applies for or receives a grant of asylum



Students with Interrupted Formal Education (SIFE):

have experienced disruptions in their education resulting in limited or no prior schooling and may lack literacy skills and basic subject-matter knowledge in their first language

Unaccompanied youth:

children who come into the U.S. from other countries without an adult guardian

Migratory child:

is age 3-21; is entitled to a free public education through grade 12; made a qualifying move in the preceding 36 months as a migratory agricultural worker or a migratory fisher, or did so with or to join a parent/guardian or spouse who is a migratory agricultural worker or migratory fisher

NEWCOMERS: Recent Immigrant Students

Newcomers are typically defined as recent immigrant students, and they encompass the various sub-groups defined in this resource. It's important to note that not all newcomers are identified as English learners (ELs), and those that are ELs, are at varying levels of English proficiency. Newcomer students add a rich heritage of multilingualism and diverse cultures to the classroom, imparting funds of knowledge that strengthen the learning environment for all students.