

NEWCOMERS RESOURCE GUIDE

**SERVING THE NEEDS OF OUR
MULTICULTURAL AND
MULTILINGUAL COMMUNITY**



**INDIAN
PRAIRIE**

SCHOOL DISTRICT 204



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WELCOME

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian,

Welcome to our district! We are excited to have you join the Indian Prairie 204 family. This resource is here to help you along your journey. We are committed to making you feel at ease and want to assist you in ensuring that your students receive all of the resources needed to begin their student experience at our school district.



Please feel free to explore our Newcomers Resource Guide for information that may help you on your journey. If you can't find something in the information you are looking for, click [here](#) for assistance.

Our District mission statement is "To Inspire All Children To Achieve Their Greatest Potential"! We hope that we can help your student reach that goal.

Thank you for visiting our Newcomers Resource Guide!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Segarra". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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RESOURCE GUIDE GOAL

Goal

To provide District 204 families access and linkage to resources in our school district and community

District Mission

Inspire all students to achieve their greatest potential.



ICON GUIDE AND TERMINOLOGY

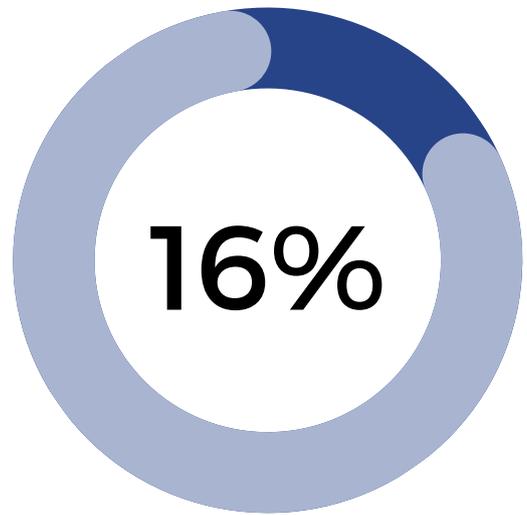
 COMMUNITY RESOURCE	 DOCUMENT	 LINK	 FOOD
 LEGAL	 LOW COST/FREE	 MEDICAL	 MULTIPLE LANGUAGES
 PARENTING	 SCHOOL RESOURCE	 VIDEO	 WEBSITE

ACRONYM	DEFINITION
ELL	ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING
ELs	ENGLISH LEARNERS
IPSD	INDIAN PRAIRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT
IEP	INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN

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ELL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The English Language Learning Program in Indian Prairie School District 204 fosters the linguistic and academic development, as well as the personal and social growth of the English language learners in our community.



4,063 (16%) of students in District 204 are ELs

Top 10 Languages Spoken by ELs:

1. Spanish (1,019 students)
2. Telugu (437 students)
3. Russian (362 students)
4. Hindi (276 students)
5. Tamil (242 students)
6. Urdu (232 students)
7. Arabic (176 students)
8. Mandarin (160 students)
9. Gujarati (102 students)
10. Ukrainian (86 students)

IPSD 204 Students



36% White
36% Asian
13% Hispanic
9% Black
6% Multi-Racial
0% American Indian
0% Pacific Islander

26,189 Students

18% Low Income
12% Individualized Education Plan
16% English Learners
4% Homeless

Revised data as of June 3rd, 2024



RESOURCES

Based on feedback we have received from key stakeholders and school staff, we have gathered a list of resources to assist you in both the district and our community.

“Distribution of information and materials through the school district does not imply District 204 endorsement”



DISTRICT RESOURCES

Resource	Description	Link 
IPSD 204 Student Registration	Enroll your child in school for current and new students.	 <u>Registration</u> 
ParentVue	Online platform for access to student information and enrollment	 New to IPSD: <u>ParentVue</u> Returning to IPSD: <u>ParentVue</u> <u>Returning Student</u> 
PushCoin	Online platform for student fees	 <u>How to Open a PushCoin Account</u>
Transportation	District 204 transportation guidelines	 <u>IPSD Transportation</u> 
Meal Program	You may qualify for the free/reduced meal program. You can find qualifying criteria and application form	    <u>Meal Program Description</u> 
Fee Waiver	You may qualify for a fee waiver based on individual circumstances. You can find qualifying criteria and application form	   <u>Fee Waivers</u> 
District Handbooks	A detailed guide about IPSD 204's procedures and regulations	  <u>Handbooks</u> 
School Calendar	Refer to this calendar for school year 2024-2025	  <u>Student Calendar</u> 



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Resource	Description	Link 
Access DuPage/DuPage Health Coalition	Affordable health services for DuPage County residents	<u>Accessdupage</u>     
Aurora Financial Empowerment Center	Provides Individualized, culturally and linguistically sensitive financial counseling to self-identified individuals and families or those referred by providers	<u>Financial Empowerment</u>    
CDS Foundation	Dental services for low income families	<u>Dental Foundation</u>    
DuPage County Community Services	Guide for DuPage County Community Services	<u>211DuPage</u>     
Family Focus	Family and Immigration Services Support	<u>FF Aurora Campus</u>      
Loaves and Fishes	Providing food and support to over 8,000 people a week in the area of DuPage County	<u>Loaves and Fishes</u>    
Mutual Ground	Serving Families and Individuals Impacted by Domestic and Sexual Violence and Substance Use	<u>Mutual Ground</u>    



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Resource	Description	Link 
Park Districts	Park District for residents of Naperville and Aurora surroundings	<p><u>Naperville Parks</u></p> <p><u>Fox Valley Park District</u></p> 
Public Libraries	Community libraries for City of Naperville and Aurora residents	<p><u>Naperville Library</u></p> <p><u>Aurora Public Library</u></p> 
People's Resource Center	Offers nutritious food and other basic necessities like clothes and rent assistance for neighbors in need. Connects people with resources	<p><u>PRC</u></p>  
Visiting Nurses Association (VNA)	VNA serves individuals with or without insurance in need of medical care.	<p><u>VNA HEALTH</u></p>  
Youth 360	Provides life-changing services to youth through substance use prevention education, counseling, and housing.	<p><u>360 Services</u></p> 
World Relief	Helps immigrants in vulnerable situations in the United States find hope and rebuild their lives.	<p><u>World Relief Chicagoland</u></p>  



ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Resource	Description	Link 
Funbrain	A variety of kids' books for a wide range of reading levels are available to read online for free	<u>Funbrain</u>  
ELA Khan Resources	Khan Academy offers reading and vocabulary courses online for grades 2 through 9	<u>ELA Khan Academy</u>  
National PTA Parent's Guide	The guides provide clear, consistent expectations for what students should be learning at each grade level.	<u>Parent Guide</u>  
PBS Between the Lions	Reading website aimed at kindergartners and first-graders. Offering stories, along with song videos to help young readers learn letter sounds.	<u>Between the Lions</u>  
Tumble Book Library	Library collection of TumbleBooks (animated, talking picture books), tumble puzzles, and tumble quizzes for young children.	<u>Tumble</u>  
Unite for Literacy	Interactive audiobook library for students. Available in English, Spanish, and Ukrainian.	<u>Unite for Literacy</u>    
Visual Dictionary Online	Online interactive dictionary with all-in-one reference	<u>Visual Dictionary</u>   



ELL RESOURCES

Resource	Description	Link 
CAN DO DESCRIPTORS	Language expectations for all six levels of English language proficiency across all four language domains.	Can Do Descriptors    
Colorin Colorado	This website is designed to help kids learn to read and succeed. It is offered in English and Spanish.	Colorin Colorado   
Dave's ESL Cafe	A website for students and teachers. Includes a section on pronunciation. Students can correspond with other ESL students.	ESL CAFE   
ESL PartyLand	Designed to help students improve their English	ESL Partyland   
Language Guide	This is a tutorial language acquisition website. You click on your native language and then the target language to begin practicing!	Language Guide   
STARFALL	Students can choose stories and have them read aloud to them. Suitable for elementary school and middle school.	Starfall.com   

POST SECONDARY RESOURCES

Resource	Description	Link 
<p>Affordable Colleges Online</p>	<p>This article shares reading comprehension strategies and tips to improve comprehension when reading complex texts at the high school or college level</p>	<p><u>Online Colleges</u></p> <p>  </p>
<p>College Of DuPage</p>	<p>Increase your chance of success throughout your college experience by taking advantage of COD's student services. COD faculty and staff are available to assist you with your educational and career goals including helping you register for classes, applying for financial aid, outlining your academic pathway, and completing your application for graduation.</p>	<p><u>COD Education</u></p> <p> </p>
<p>Waubonsee Community College</p>	<p>Explore a variety of programs and majors, designed to help you transfer to a four-year school, start a career or both!</p>	<p><u>Waubonsee Education</u></p> <p> </p>
<p>WORKNET DuPage</p>	<p>The county's lead agency for youth employment programs. Provides eligible young adults ages 17 to 24 with free career and employment services to help them start a career with a future.</p>	<p><u>WorkNet</u></p> <p>  </p>



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