

Granite School District Support for Newcomers:

Granite School District uses the Tumaini (means HOPE in Swahili) process when working with newcomers. Once school staff refers the newcomer, using the district webpage, the student is assigned to a trained liaison who meets with the family within 48 hours. The liaisons help parents register and enroll the student to the boundary school. The assigned liaison works with newcomer students and families on an individual basis and will make regular home visits, building relationships of trust, while providing resources to the family. The liaisons have an Outreach Coach to help with extended issues and concerns, and the coach will reach out to the directors of Educational Equity with further concerns.

The trained liaisons have immediate and constant communication with families with the help of state interpretation agencies and purchased translation devices. The liaisons help families with technology, providing chrome books and portable hot spots if needed. Families are informed of local family and community centers and resources. Interpreters are made available either in person, by phone, or translation device, for parents and families meeting with school staff. Liaisons work one-on-one with students as they adjust to their new routines while school staff, administrators, and teachers are provided with resources and ongoing support as they help teach the English language and provide cultural experiences for their newcomer families.

Once students have been assessed for ELD placement, the liaisons work with the schools to get the students in the corresponding ELD course. Granite School District has made an ESL Endorsement course readily available at no cost to teachers and has encouraged all teachers to become ESL endorsed which will ultimately benefit all students.

In summary, the Tumaini Process provides:

- Immediate school immersion
- Individual student support
- Ongoing family support
- Home visits and help with interpreters
- Community connections and resources
- Opportunities for community involvement
- Personal technology support
- Excellent outreach liaisons
- Hygiene kits and cleaning supplies
- Mobile Clinics are available at specific schools and community events
- Help make arrangements for immunizations
- Transportation to clinics for immunizations (currently in the process of finalizing this feature with Uber)
- Professional Development for teachers, including ESL endorsement courses