

# Professional Development Class

## New Americans in the Classroom: A Deeper Dive



February 2024

10 hours in person + 5 hours on your own

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## Course Details

Learn more about working with students from a refugee background! In this lively, interactive course we will cover:

- **Refugee 101** – How do refugees arrive in the US? What is it like to be forced to leave your homeland?
- **Trauma** – How does trauma interfere with learning? How can we respond to students who are triggered? What are trauma-informed teaching methods?
- **Multilingual Learners** -- How does it feel to enter a classroom in a strange language, in a strange land? How can teachers (both content and MLL teachers) make learning accessible for new American students?
- **Disruptive Behavior** – What might be the roots of this for immigrant students? And what can we do about it?
- **Cross-Cultural Kids** – How do grief and identity play out for these students, and how can we be supportive?
- **Family Engagement** – What do refugee parents expect from schools? And what are some concrete techniques for communicating with families?

### Hear firsthand from:

- Students and parents with a refugee background
- A trauma counselor who works with refugee youth
- Teachers working with English language learners

We will model concrete instructional strategies and practice ways to reduce stress and trauma.



## Reviews

**“Inspirational. Moving. Incredible.”**  
–Staff member, Whittier Elementary

**“This was an amazing course . . . It has definitely changed the way I teach.”**  
--Nicole Hylands, Victory Middle School

**“Engaging and thought-provoking. . .**  
**This course will have an impact on me for the rest of my life.”**  
-- Nora Hall, Les Bois Junior High

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### 15-Hour Course Includes:

Class 1: Saturday, 2/10/24 8:30am-12:15pm @ West Ada School District (Salmon Room)

Class 2: Tuesday, 2/13/24 5:00-7:15pm @ Boise School District Training Center

Class 3: Tuesday, 2/20/24 5:00-7:15pm @ Boise School District Training Center

Class 4: Tuesday 2/27/24 5:00-7:15pm @ West Ada School District (Salmon Room)

+ 5 hours on your own learning in the community

### Course Locations

West Ada School District  
Training Center: EAST END  
1303 East Central Drive,  
Meridian, ID 83642

Boise School District  
Training Center  
3324 S Milwaukee  
Boise, ID 83709

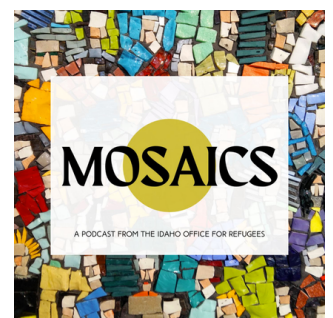
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**Sneak preview!**  
**This course was  
featured on the  
Mosaics Podcast,  
Episode 17.**



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