

GEPA STATEMENT
Utah International Charter School

Anticipated Barrier: National Origin

We anticipated that our target population, refugee and immigrant students and their parents, will have difficulty accessing information about the school because of limited English proficiency.

To address this barrier we are taking a number of steps: Providing our registration materials in Spanish, providing a Spanish-language phone line, providing our informational fliers in 6 languages, and contracting with interpreters of twelve to fifteen languages to explain the school to families in their language communities and to assist with parent-teacher conferences and other parent events.

A related barrier is that refugees new to the US lack knowledge about school choice, about the need to register students for school ahead of time, and about using the public transportation system. We are addressing these knowledge barriers by taking information about the school to locations and events where refugees are already gathering, such as churches, mosques, and community centers, and by providing simplified and visual bus instructions specific to the student's address of residence.