



# refugee & immigrant transitions

## How Can I Help?

### Become a Volunteer at SFIHS!

At San Francisco International, we are seeking long term volunteers who can commit to at least one semester, on a consistent weekly basis. This commitment allows volunteers to build relationships with students, staff and program partners, and become a real part of our dynamic community. SFI partners with Refugee & Immigrant Transitions ([www.reftrans.org](http://www.reftrans.org)) to train and oversee our volunteers. Below you will find our current volunteer opportunities:

### RIT School Day Volunteer @ SFIHS

- **Overview:** School Day Volunteers are placed in classrooms, under the supervision of an SFI teacher, and work to provide support to newcomer students across all subjects. All classes use English Language Learning techniques to build language capacity, and volunteers often provide targeted assistance to those students most in need. No prior teaching experience is needed!
- **Days/Times:** Hours are flexible and can fit your schedule. Daily school hours are M, T, W, TH, F 8:00 am - 3:20 pm, W 8:00 am - 12:55 pm. We ask for a minimum 2 hour/week commitment, within this timeframe.
- **Requirements:** Willingness to work with newcomer populations in a classroom setting; dedication and patience; minimum commitment of 2 hour/week for an entire semester (preferred full-year).
- **Program Contact:** Ricardo Rivera, Volunteer and Academic Support Coordinator: [ricardo@reftrans.org](mailto:ricardo@reftrans.org)
- **How to Apply:** Please complete our [RIT Volunteer application](#) (please select Daytime Classroom Support: San Francisco International High School in programs) and we'll contact you asap regarding upcoming orientation options and next steps!

## RIT Home-Based Tutor

- **Overview:** SFIHS's partner organization, [Refugee and Immigrant Transitions](#), trains, matches & supports volunteers to work one-on-one (or sometimes in pairs) with newly-arrived refugee, asylee & immigrant students in students' homes. RIT works with SFIHS to prioritize the most high-need, or linguistically & culturally isolated students, to match with a caring adult for academic tutoring, English support & cultural mentoring.
- **Schedule:** Schedule is flexible, according to availability of tutor, student & the student's family. Meeting times can include weekends or evenings.
- **Minimum Commitment:** 2-4 hours/week, for a minimum of 9 months
- **Additional Requirements:** Home based tutoring requires additional training programs. The process is detailed here: [Become a Volunteer with Refugee & Immigrant Transitions](#)
- **How to Apply:** Please [apply directly](#) (please select Home-Based ESL in programs) through the RT website, and you will be contacted regarding upcoming orientation opportunities and next steps!
- **Program Contact:** Grace Lau, San Francisco Program Coordinator at Refugee Transitions: Grace@reftrans.org

### Additional Questions about volunteering at SFIHS?

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