

A close-up photograph of a man's torso and arms. He is wearing a grey t-shirt and a black backpack. He is holding a silver tablet computer with both hands, cradling it against his chest. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

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CHAPTER 1

SCHOOL RULES

Students start at new schools every day. It takes time to adjust. Many must learn English. There are new people. Everything is different.





There are unspoken rules. It helps to follow these rules.

This makes fitting in easier.
Making new friends. Getting along with others. Staying out of trouble.





**WELCOME
CENTER**



GETTING STARTED

There are many ways to learn about a new school. Some schools have a Welcome Center.

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FINDING *HER* WAY

BY JENNIFER LISS



Alicia put on the school uniform. She looked in the mirror. The uniform was like the one that she wore to her old school. That was back in Honduras.

"Alicia!" Grandma called. "I spilled my juice. Sorry!"

"I'm coming!" Alicia said.

The orange juice dripped from the table to the floor. "I'll clean up," Alicia said.



"You'll be late for your first day of school," Grandma said.

"It's okay," Alicia said. She kissed Grandma's cheek.



Alicia and her mother had left Honduras two weeks ago. They went to Phoenix to live with Uncle Juan and Grandma.

Uncle Juan told Alicia that she would go to high school. She was surprised. At home, most girls went to school. But they stopped school when they were her age.

Alicia cleaned up the juice. Then she walked to school. The secretary took her picture. She said it was for Alicia's **student ID card**.

student ID card: a card that shows that a student belongs at a school; a picture of the student will be on the card; some cards can be used to buy things at school





Today's Topic:

Junk food
in schools

Alicia opened the door to her class. Everyone looked at her. Ms. Stone smiled. She pointed to an empty seat.



“Welcome,” Ms. Stone said. “Come join us. We’re talking about junk food. Should there be laws against selling junk food in schools?”