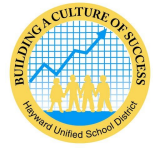




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## **Hayward Unified School District is a Sanctuary District**

In December 2016, the Board of Education of the Hayward Unified School District (HUSD) passed [Resolution No. 1617-26](#), a Sanctuary Schools Resolution. This resolution was passed to address questions and concerns in our communities. The Sanctuary Schools Resolution ensures that every school site is a safe place for all students and families. It specifically notes that if Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) were to visit any of our schools it would not be able to disrupt school operations; or if ICE were to request any information, the request must be forwarded to the Superintendent's Office. Among the highest priorities for the District are to ensure safety and security of students and staff, and not to allow any individual or organization to enter a school site if the educational setting would be disrupted by that visit.

Therefore, in accordance with Resolution No. 1617-26, we will ensure that:

- ICE will not be permitted on campuses.
- ICE and/or any other agencies are restricted access to the school site's main office and will not be permitted to enter any school sites.
- No student records will be released to ICE or any other agencies.

We are committed to protecting all students and their families, regardless of their immigration status or religious affiliation. It is our duty to ensure that our students receive a high quality public education in a safe and nurturing environment.

Since adopting our Sanctuary Schools Resolution, we have received several questions from the community. Please see the following "Frequently Asked Questions" for further information.

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **Is the city of Hayward a Sanctuary City?**

No, the city of Hayward is not a sanctuary city. Sanctuary cities are cities or counties across the U.S. that seek to limit the cooperation that the city and local law enforcement has with federal immigration authorities. The cities or counties refuse most requests by immigration authorities to detain, pursue or report undocumented immigrants who have contact with law enforcement.

Although the city of Hayward is not a sanctuary city, the Hayward Police Department has stated that it aims to ensure that all students and families in our community are safe and that cooperation between ICE and the Hayward Police Department is not ideal for the safety of the community.

#### **Is Hayward Unified School District a Sanctuary School District?**

Yes, our district is a sanctuary school district. We are guaranteeing the safety of our students and families and will not share access to school sites and student information with ICE.

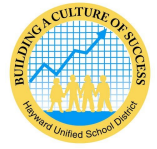
#### **Has ICE been present or allowed on our school campuses?**

No, there has not been any attempt by ICE agents to enter into any our school campuses nor our district



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office. We intend to foster safe and supportive learning environments and educational setting for our students and their families. Consequently, we will do everything to ensure that there are no disruptions by ICE or any other agencies.

**Will any of the information that I have shared during registration be shared with ICE or any other agency?**

No, in support of our community and families, any requests from ICE for information or documents must be forwarded to the Superintendent's Office.

**What if an ICE agent approaches my child's teacher?**

All teachers and school personnel should refer all ICE requests and inquiries directly to the site administrator.

**Can undocumented children continue to attend school in Hayward?**

Yes, every child has a right to a free and public school education, regardless of his/her immigration status. We will continue to serve all of our students and families, as we always have.

**I have questions about my immigration status, where may I obtain information?**

Students and families should contact community-based legal organizations that provide resources for immigrant families. You may access a national list of community-based legal organization at Immigration Advocates Network's Directory: <https://www.immigrationlawhelp.org/>.