

This language should be modified by the local educational agency based on their policies, assessment of the needs of their sites, and the resources available to them. This customizable resource is not intended as legal advice and local educational agencies are encouraged to contact legal counsel for further guidance.

General Messaging

- As a [school district/school] we are united in our commitment to always [commitments or values, such as value each and every student we serve and to uphold a culture of safety and respect for diverse perspectives].
- School remains a welcome, safe space for all students.
- All children have a right to equal access to free public education, regardless of their or their parents'/guardians' immigration status.
- Student safety and well-being, both physically and emotionally, remains our priority.
- Harassment or bullying of any kind will not be tolerated. Although we may hold different opinions, we encourage respectful dialogue and expect each of our students, staff members, and visitors to treat each other with civility and understanding.
- Our [district's/school's] policies regarding immigration enforcement align with state law and the Attorney General's [guidance](#) and can be found here: [add links to policies]
- Under California law, schools are mandated to ensure that no student is denied enrollment or faced with barriers to their educational opportunities based on their or their family's immigration status.
- Our focus remains on creating a safe space for children to learn and thrive, and we will continue to monitor changes at the national and state level to anticipate and respond to potential impacts for our school community.

Regarding Student Privacy

- Schools must protect the privacy of their students. Schools are prohibited from sharing directory information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth for immigration-enforcement purposes in the absence of parent/guardian consent, a court order, or judicial subpoena.
- School employees are prohibited from asking or sharing information about a child or their family's immigration status, unless ordered to do so by a court (subpoena, judicial warrant) or where an officer declares exigent circumstances exist (emergency pursuit by law enforcement or imminent threat to safety).
- Current state law prohibits school staff from providing access to students, providing information about students, or granting permission to immigration agents to enter non-public areas of the campus (classrooms, cafeteria, playgrounds, etc.), unless compelled to do so by a court order or exigent circumstances.

- Information about citizenship/immigration status is never needed for school enrollment. A Social Security number is never needed for school enrollment.