



ENROLLMENT & IMMIGRATION

Columbia Public Schools – Columbia, Missouri

U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

All people in the United States have certain rights that are protected under the U.S. Constitution, regardless of their immigration status.



All people in the U.S. are protected by certain educational and civil rights.

EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS



Enrollment - You have a right to enroll your child in any public school. The 1982 Supreme Court case **Plyer vs. Doe** ensures all students have a Constitutional right to enroll in public school, regardless of the immigration status of the students or their parents.



Confidentiality - **The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)** prohibits school districts from providing students' education records to anyone without parent/guardian consent. Exceptions include the following:

- If there is a valid subpoena, judicial warrant, or court order
- If there are emergency circumstances, such as a danger to public safety that has been confirmed.

CIVIL RIGHTS

For information on immigration issues and to talk with experts in the field, please refer to the resources listed below:

Online Resources:

American Immigration Council

Information on immigration laws, history, and policy:

Click here: [American Immigration Council](#)

Website: <https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/about/our-mission>

Immigrant Legal Resource Center

Information on immigrant rights and resources

Click here: [Immigrant Legal Resource Center](#)

Website: <https://www.ilrc.org/community-resources>

Local and State Resources:

Missouri Organizations – National Immigration Legal Services Directory

Click here: [Missouri Immigration Legal Services Directory](#)

Website:

<https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/search?state=MO>

American Immigration Lawyers Association

Information on local immigration lawyers &

“Know Your Rights” flyers available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Portuguese, Arabic, Haitian Creole, & Punjabi

Click here: [Immigration Lawyers - Know Your Rights](#)

Website: <http://www.aila.org/advo-media/tools/psas/know-your-rights-handouts-if-ice-visits>

Mexican Consulate – Kansas City

Address: 1617 Baltimore Avenue Kansas City, MO 64108

Phone: (816) 566-0800

Click here: [Mexican Consulate - Kansas City](#)

Website: <https://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/kansascity>

LOCAL RESOURCES – COLUMBIA

The following resources are a short list of services available in Columbia to help with legal issues and mental health or medical concerns. These agencies offer support, counseling, and intervention for families. For more information on additional community resources, contact the Voluntary Action Center at 573-874-2273.

Click here: [Columbia Voluntary Action Center](http://www.vacmo.org)

Website: <http://www.vacmo.org/about-us>

LEGAL RESOURCES

Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation

Services: Family law, health, public housing, etc.

Address: 117 N. Garth Columbia, MO 65203

Phone: 573-442-0016 or 800-568-4931

Click here: [Mid-MO Legal Services](http://mmls.org)

Website: <http://mmls.org>

Refugee And Immigration Services – Catholic Charities of Central & Northern Missouri

Address: 1240 E. Brown Station Road – Columbia, MO 65202

Phone: 573-635-7719

For immigration issues, call Jefferson City office: 573-632-0017

Click here: [Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri](http://ccnmo.diojeffcity.org)

Website: <http://ccnmo.diojeffcity.org>

Missouri Bar – Lawyer Referral

Information on immigration lawyers

Phone: 573-636-4128

Click here: [MO Bar - Find a Lawyer Search](http://mobar.org/public/LawyerSearch.aspx)

Website: <http://mobar.org/public/LawyerSearch.aspx>

Missouri Immigrant & Refugee Advocates (MIRA)

Phone: 314-773-5100

Click here: [MIRA: Missouri Immigrant & Refugee Advocates](https://incarnatewordstl.org/grants/grantees/missouri-immigrant-refugee-advocates-mira/)

Website: <https://incarnatewordstl.org/grants/grantees/missouri-immigrant-refugee-advocates-mira/>

COUNSELING, FAMILY ADVOCACY, AND STUDENT RESOURCES

Burrell Behavioral Health

Address: 1805 East Walnut – Columbia, MO 65201

Phone: 573-777-8300

Click here: [Burrell Behavioral Health](http://www.burrellcenter.com)

Website: <http://www.burrellcenter.com>

Central Latino

Address: 609 North Garth Avenue

Phone: 573-449-9442

Click here: [Central Latino - Columbia MO](http://centrolatino.missouri.org/en/about)

Website: <http://centrolatino.missouri.org/en/about>

City of Refuge

10 N. Garth Ave. Columbia, MO 65203

Phone: 573-454-1552

Click Here: [City of Refuge](https://cityofrefugecolumbia.org/)

Website: <https://cityofrefugecolumbia.org/>

FACE – Family Access Center of Excellence

Address: 2700 W. Ash Street, Suite 100 Columbia, MO 65203

Phone: 573-771-3223

Click here: [FACE - Family Access Center of Excellence](https://faceofboonecounty.org)

Website: <https://faceofboonecounty.org>

COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ENROLLMENT OF IMMIGRANT & MIGRANT STUDENTS

Federal law ensures all students have the right to enroll in public school, regardless of immigration or citizenship status.

Enrollment of Students

Columbia Public Schools will enroll all students between the ages of 5-21 who legally reside within the school district's boundary.

- Students must meet the requirements for residency, age, immunization, discipline considerations, etc.
- Students who identify as homeless and those in foster care are enrolled based on CPS Board Policy

For more information, contact CPS Student Services

Board Policies: JECA; JECC-1; IGBCA

EL & Migrant Education

English Language Learners (EL) and Migrant Education

- Eligible students are screened for EL and placed in the CPS English language development program, as needed
 - Migrant students are identified and provided a full-range of services designed for migrant students, as needed
- For more information, contact the CPS EL department

Board Policies: IGBH; IGBHCB