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Herron Classical Schools Policies and Resources for Undocumented Individuals

Herron Classical Schools' (HCS) Core Values include a commitment to engage in the urban community through:

- A. Promoting the interweaving of family, school, and city and broadening of worldview
- B. Fostering meaningful connection to local and cultural resources
- C. Valuing of diversity

As an extension of our Core Values, we are committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all students and families, regardless of immigration status. We stand firmly by the right of every child to attend public school regardless of immigration status under federal law (*Plyler v. Doe*).

HCS is dedicated to ensuring that all students have the right to learn without fear. Toward that end, in accordance with federal education laws and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), we have policies in place to protect the privacy and security of our students and staff:

- **Protection Against Unlawful Searches and Seizures:** HCS will not permit any enforcement actions by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on school grounds without proper legal documentation. ICE officers must present a valid warrant signed by a judge to enter nonpublic areas of school grounds. Student records and directory information will be treated in accordance with FERPA protections on student privacy.
- **Access to Trained Staff:** Our team has been trained to respond appropriately to situations involving undocumented students and their families.
- **Partnership with Legal Counsel:** HCS collaborates with experienced legal advisors to ensure that all actions align with the law and protect our community.

HCS will remain a safe and welcoming place for all students and families regardless of their immigration status.



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- HCS universal behavior policies that prohibit intimidation, bullying, or discrimination of any student, including those born outside of the United States or for whom English is a second language, will continue to be strictly enforced to ensure that all students are treated with dignity and respect;
- HCS will continue to seek opportunities to increase and enhance programs and partnerships that support and assist immigrant students and families;
- HCS employees will not inquire about a student's or parents' immigration status
- HCS employees shall continue to follow the policy and practice of not requiring social security numbers for any enrolled or enrolling student
- HCS employees will not collect or provide any information regarding a student's (or his/her family's) immigration status, except as legally required;
- HCS employees will assist immigration enforcement efforts when legally required to do so.

Know Your Rights

It is essential for students and families to understand their rights. Here are key points to keep in mind:

- **Your Privacy Matters:** HCS does not ask about or disclose immigration status. We are committed to protecting the privacy of all students and their families, as required by federal and state law.
- **Documents Required for Entry:** ICE officers must present a valid warrant signed by a judge to enter nonpublic areas of the school grounds.
- **Access to Education:** Every child has the right to attend public school regardless of immigration status under federal law (Plyler v. Doe).

Resources for Families

This [Immigrant Legal Protection Resource Guide](#) has been provided by a representative from the Mayor's Office of Indianapolis.

We ask all families to review their emergency contacts listed in PowerSchool to make sure they are up-to-date. Please consider listing someone not connected to your immediate household.



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Create a Family Emergency Plan: Make sure your student and all family members know what to do in the event of an emergency and who they should contact.

Create a sheet of emergency numbers and contact information and a file of important documents so that you, your family, or your emergency contact person can easily access them.

Community Resources

National Immigrant Justice Center (Indianapolis Office)

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, NACARA, Naturalization/Citizenship, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions

Types of legal assistance: Filings with USCIS, Representation at Asylum Interviews (Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews), Representation before the Immigration Court, Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), Federal court appeals

Location: 615 N. Alabama St., Suite 426, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Contact: (312) 660-1370, <https://www.immigrantjustice.org>

Indiana Legal Services - Immigrants' and Language Rights Center

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, Habeas Corpus, NACARA, Naturalization/Citizenship, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions

Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS, Representation at Asylum Interviews (Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews), Representation before the Immigration Court, Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)

Location: 1200 Madison Avenue, Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46225

Contact: (317) 631-9410, <http://www.indianalegalservices.org> , ILRC.Hotline@ils.net



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Catholic Charities Indianapolis - Immigration Legal Services

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship

Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms and filings with USCIS

Location: 1400 N. Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Contact: (317) 236-1500, <http://www.archindy.org/cc/indianapolis/index.html> ,
ccimmigration@archindy.org

Mariposa Legal Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, NACARA, Naturalization/Citizenship, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions

Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS, Representation at Asylum Interviews (Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews)

Location: 3333 N. Meridian St, Suite 201, Indianapolis, IN 46208

Contact: (317) 429-4131, <http://www.nclegalclinic.org> , contactus@nclegalclinic.org