



Rights and Resources for Immigrant Families

Superintendent's Message

Dear WSD Families and Staff,

We understand that recent events and ongoing discussions about immigration enforcement may be causing questions or apprehension for some families in our community. We want to take this opportunity to provide you with reassurance that our schools are safe spaces for all students, regardless of their immigration status or that of their family members.

It is important for you to know that California law states that immigration authorities are not allowed to enter school grounds or take any action involving students unless they have a judicial warrant or court order. Even in such situations, we are committed to following strict protocols to safeguard the confidentiality, rights and well-being of our students and their families.

Our district is dedicated to providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for every child to learn, grow, and succeed. We firmly believe that no family should have to worry about the safety of their children while they are at school. To that end, we remain vigilant in protecting the privacy and dignity of every member of our school community.

Our school principals and district staff are here to support you and provide resources or guidance if needed. At the Westminster School District, we stand in solidarity with our immigrant students and families. WSD is committed to providing an inclusive and equitable education for every student.

With Kindest Regards,
Gunn Marie Hansen, Ph.D.
Superintendent



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Student Rights and Immigration Support

Equal Access to Education: Every child has the right to a free public education, as established by the landmark Supreme Court decision *Plyler v. Doe* (1982). We do not discriminate based on immigration status and ensure all students can fully participate in school activities.

Campus Safety: Our schools prioritize student safety by carefully managing access to school grounds. Immigration enforcement officers are generally not permitted on campus without proper legal documentation. Any official requests are processed through our Office of Student Services to ensure compliance with legal requirements.

Student Privacy Protection: We safeguard student information and do not collect or share data related to immigration status. Our district policies, including [Board Policy 5125\(a\)](#), strictly prohibit the disclosure of personal information for immigration enforcement purposes without proper legal authorization.

These guidelines reflect our commitment to providing a quality education for all students in a secure and supportive environment.

Connect With Us

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WSD Response to Immigration Enforcement : Board Policy 5111 (a)

Board Policy Summary

- **Staff Training:** All appropriate staff shall receive training on district admission policies and procedures, including information regarding the types of documentation that can and cannot be requested.
- **Prohibited Inquiries:** The district shall not inquire into or request documentation of a student's Social Security number or the citizenship or immigration status of the student or the student's family members, except as required by state or federal law or to comply with requirements for special state or federal programs.
- **Separate Collection of Information:** When such information is collected, it shall be done separately from the school enrollment process, and the Superintendent or designee shall explain the limited purpose for which the information is collected.
- **Non-Discrimination:** Enrollment shall not be denied based on the refusal to provide such information.

AB 699: Protecting Immigrant Students in California Schools

AB 699, effective January 1, 2018, is a California law designed to ensure that all students, regardless of immigration status, can attend public schools without fear or discrimination.

Key Protections Under AB 699

- **Non-Discrimination:** Schools cannot discriminate against students based on their actual or perceived immigration status. CATESOL
- **Privacy of Information:** Schools are prohibited from collecting or sharing information about a student's or their family's immigration or citizenship status, unless required by state or federal law.
- **Immigration Enforcement on School Grounds:** Immigration enforcement agents cannot enter school campuses without a judicial warrant and prior permission from school officials. Californians
- **Reporting Requests from Law Enforcement:** School officials must report any requests from law enforcement for access to school sites to the school board, ensuring transparency and accountability.
- **Anti-Bullying Education:** Schools are required to educate students about the harmful effects of bullying based on immigration status or religious beliefs.
- **Model Policies Adoption:** The California Attorney General has issued model policies to limit assistance with immigration enforcement in public schools, which local educational agencies must adopt or implement equivalent policies.



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Family Resources

First 5 California Family Resources

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Immigration Resource Guide

Immigration Resource Directory offers links and assistance to help serve all people, regardless of what language they speak or where they are born.

Family Preparedness Plan

Every family should have a **Family Preparedness Plan (Spanish Version)**. While it is our hope that you never have to use your plan, it is a good practice to have one in place to help reduce the stress of the unexpected. This packet will help everyone create a Family Preparedness Plan, regardless of immigration status.

Red Card: Know Your Rights

Know your legal rights; Download & Print this resource—multiple languages available: [Spanish](#); [Vietnamese](#); [English](#)

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)

Mental health workshops, counseling support, and immigration community advocacy

Immigrants Rising

Empowering undocumented people to achieve their educational and career goals through personal, institutional, and policy transformation.

> Legal Information

Immigration Legal Help

Immigration Legal Help offers resources for immigration lawyer referrals, affordable legal assistance, and free legal clinics.

Free Legal Immigration Services

List of free legal providers: [Download & Print resource](#)

Legal Assistance for Low Income Families

ImmigrationLawHelp.org is a searchable online directory of over 1,000 free or low-cost nonprofit immigration legal services providers in all 50 states.

ALIA Lawyers

Find a lawyer: [AILA's Immigration Lawyers](#)

> Legal Services

Camino Immigration Services

Consultation and services; Call for appointment

Airport Lawyers

[Legal Immigration Support at Airports](#)

KIND: Kids In Need of Defense

Legal Representation for minors; Contact: info@supportkind.org; Family Separation Child Representation: separation@supportkind.org



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Know Your Rights

1. **Your rights:** All people, regardless of immigration status, have rights under the U.S. Constitution. The Immigrant Legal Resource Center's (ILRC) Red Cards help people assert their rights and defend themselves in many situations, such as when I.C.E. agents go to a home.
2. **You have the right to stay silent:** When interrogated by federal immigration officials, remain calm and hand your Red Card to the officer. Remember that you do not have to answer any questions.
3. **Ask to speak with an attorney:** You have the right to speak with an attorney. Do not talk until your attorney is present.

Red Cards

Ông Bà có quyền lợi theo Hiến Pháp Hoa Kỳ:

- Không mở cửa khi nhân viên di trú gõ cửa.
- Không trả lời câu hỏi nào của nhân viên di trú nếu họ muốn nói chuyện với Ông Bà. Ông Bà có quyền giữ im lặng.
- Không ký một tờ giấy nào trước khi bàn với luật sư. Ông Bà có quyền nói chuyện với luật sư.
- Nếu Ông Bà đang đứng ngoài nhà mình, hỏi nhân viên di trú xem mình có quyền rời chỗ đó không, và nếu có, hãy bình tĩnh mà rời.
- Đưa thẻ này cho nhân viên di trú. Nếu đang ở trong nhà, đưa cho họ coi qua cửa kiếng hoặc đẩy thẻ dưới cửa ra vào.

I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.

I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike.

Usted tiene derechos constitucionales:

- **NO ABRA LA PUERTA** si un agente de inmigración está tocando la puerta.
- **NO CONTESTE NINGUNA PREGUNTA** de un agente de inmigración si trata de hablar con usted. Usted tiene el derecho a guardar silencio.
- **NO FIRME NADA** sin antes hablar con un abogado. Usted tiene el derecho de hablar con un abogado.
- Si usted está fuera de su casa, pregúntele al agente si tiene la libertad de irse y si le dice que sí, váyase con tranquilidad.
- **ENTRÉGUELE ESTA TARJETA EL AGENTE.** Si usted está dentro de su casa, muestre la tarjeta por la ventana o pásela debajo de la puerta.

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