

Calvert County Public Schools
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**Policy Statement #1120 (Administration) of the Board of Education
Regarding the Maryland Immigration Enforcement in Calvert County Public Schools**

I. Purpose

- A. To ensure that Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) schools remain safe and protected spaces for students and staff regardless of citizenship status.
- B. To ensure immigration enforcement activities do not disrupt the educational mission of CCPS.
- C. To reflect the guidelines set forth in the Maryland Values Act (House Bill 1222, 2025).

II. Definitions

- A. Designated Official - The principal or appointed district- level administrator responsible for responding to immigration enforcement requests.
- B. Exigent Circumstances – means emergency situations that require law enforcement to act immediately to address a threat to public safety, without pausing to obtain the prior approval from a judge. Exigent circumstances include the following: imminent risk of death, violence, or harm to a person or property; hot pursuit of a dangerous suspect; and the imminent risk of the destruction of evidence of a crime.
- C. Judicial Warrant - A written order signed by a federal judge that authorizes law enforcement officers to take specific action, such as searching and seizing a person or property.
- D. Sensitive Location - Any CCPS school, building, and facility.

III. Policy Statement

- A. Calvert County Public Schools welcomes and supports all students and families, regardless of their citizenship status and is committed to providing access to high quality educational experiences in safe learning environments.
- B. All CCPS buildings are considered sensitive locations and access is limited to school system staff, students, and parents/community members with legitimate business purposes and permission of CCPS administration.

IV. Standards

- A. When federal law enforcement officials seeking to enforce federal immigration law visit any CCPS school, building, or facility, CCPS staff will immediately notify the designated official who will:
 - 1. Strictly follow immigration enforcement guidance procedures including immediately:
 - a. Notifying the district – level designated official;
 - b. Verifying the warrant, the officer’s identity, and officer’s credentials;

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- c. Notifying parent/guardian and documenting the incident.
 - 2. Limit law enforcement officers to public spaces unless:
 - a. the official presents a valid judicial warrant; or
 - b. exigent circumstances require access to private spaces,
 - 3. CCPS does not authorize any person seeking to enforce immigration laws to enter sensitive locations and private spaces unless one of the above exceptions applies.
 - B. If an immigration agent/officer attempts to access sensitive locations or unauthorized, private spaces within a CCPS school, building, or facility without consent, staff:
 - 1. Will state that they do not consent to such access and immediately contact the designated official; and
 - 2. Will not attempt to physically block or impede agents/officers, conceal individuals, assist individuals in evading officers, or otherwise take action to hinder the investigation.
 - C. Student records will not be disclosed without judicial warrant or as required by law.
 - 1. Law enforcement requests for student records will be referred to the designated official.
 - 2. CCPS requires written parent/guardian consent before releasing information unless it is for educational purposes, otherwise authorized by law, or in response to a court order of subpoena.
 - D. All CCPS staff will receive training on the provisions of this policy and immigration enforcement protocols annually.
- V. Delegation of Authority
- A. The Superintendent of Schools or designee is directed to develop school and district level response protocols for interactions with federal immigration and law enforcement requests for school access identifying and defining expectations, regulations, and guidelines and to ensure its dissemination to the appropriate parties.
- VI. Exceptions
- A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board, by majority vote, may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent local, state, and federal laws and regulations or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.
- VII. Review
- A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of three (3) years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.
- VIII. Effective Date
- A. This policy is effective April 9, 2026.

Citations

State Law: Maryland HB 1222 (2025), Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 6-111

State Reg.:

Federal Law: The Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), U.S. DHS Guidance

Adm. Reg.:

Neg. Agr.:

Other Citation: [Maryland Office of the Attorney General's Immigration Guidance for Facilities that Serve the Public: Implementation of HB 1222 \(July 2025\)](#)

Related Policies

1118 – Discrimination

1740 – Ethics and 1740.6 Confidentiality

1925 – Student Data Governance and Privacy

3610 – Students' Rights and Responsibilities

3720 – Enrollment of Residents and Non-Residents in Calvert County Public Schools