



JPS Families:

Recently, there has been widespread local and national coverage surrounding immigration status in the United States that could potentially impact public education, our students, families, faculty, and staff.

We recognize that these uncertain times have sparked feelings of fear and apprehension among some of our students, families, and staff. It is important for us, as a District, to acknowledge these concerns while reinforcing our unwavering commitment to providing a safe and inclusive environment for every student.

We also remain steadfast in our statutory and constitutional duty to educate all students, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, or immigration status.

As a District, we want to focus on what is within our control: ensuring that our schools continue to be a safe and nurturing space where students can thrive, and where faculty and staff can inspire and empower in welcoming and safe schools. Thank you for your continued support of our District.

If You Are Approached and Questioned About Your Immigration Status

You Have the Right To:

- Stay silent and decline to answer questions about your immigration or citizenship status.
- Politely ask if you are free to leave.
 - If yes, you may walk away calmly.
 - If no, you can state that you are choosing to remain silent and will only speak with a lawyer present.
- Refuse to consent to a search of your person.

What You Should Do:

- Remain calm and respectful.
- Exercise your right to remain silent if you choose.
- Request legal representation before answering questions.

What to Avoid:

- Sharing details about where you were born, your citizenship status, or how you entered the country.
- Providing false information or fake documents.

