

SCHOOL LEADER BEST PRACTICES

SUPPORTING UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Adopt & advocate for immigrant friendly policies that protect undocumented families in your school or district. Immigrant friendly policies can include:

- Safe Zone Resolution (District & Network Policy)
- Open ID policy (District & School Policy)
- Immigration student/family Inquiry protocol (District & School Policy)

Continuously show students and families that all are welcomed regardless of their immigration status. Examples include:

- Letter of support for immigrant families translated in multiple languages
- Adopting posters and visuals that create a safe community
- Hosting events and workshops for families on immigration that are culturally responsive and have the most up to date policy information

Train teachers and staff about immigration and education rights of immigrant families, college access for undocumented students and implementing trauma-informed practices

Adopt curriculum centered on the immigrant experience and highlighting the humanity and diversity of the undocumented and immigrant community

Create a school plan in case of an immigration raid or detention of a student or family. Share this plan with ALL school staff, students and families in your community

Communicate with families in their native language, providing both verbal and written translated resources

Provide ongoing counseling support and mental health resources to students and families

Train school staff and resource officers on trauma informed and restorative practices to address the school to deportation pipeline and the impact of enforcement on immigrant students and families

Partner with local organizations to bring programs to support immigrant families such as Know Your Rights workshops and pro-bono legal support

Share college access and immigration resources with ALL students, families and educators



SCHOOL LEADER RESOURCES

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Immigration Legal Support:

- immigrantjustice.org
- immigrationadvocates.org
- immi.org

Know Your Rights outside of School:

- www.aclu.org/issues/immi grants-rights
- Immigration Legal Resource Center

Laws pertaining to rights in schools:

- Plyler v. Doe
- (FERPA) Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Sensitive Locations Memo

Safe Zone Resolutions

- nilc.org/issues/immigrationenforcement/campus-safezones-language-k-12/
- neaedjustice.org

Curriculum:

- tolerance.org/topics/immigration
- Colorincolorado.org

College Access Resources:

- ImmigrantsRising.org
- MyUndocumentedLife.com
- Dreamer's Road Map App

Scholarships/Resources for Undocumented Students:

- The Dream U.S.
- Golden Door Scholars
- Posse Program
- Questbridge Program

Mental Health Supports:

- immigrantsrising.org/mentalhealth-connector
- unitedwedream.org/2017/10/mental-health-toolkit

