



BEST PRACTICES

A GUIDE FOR PRACTITIONERS SUPPORTING UNDOCUMENTED / MIXED-STATUS STUDENTS/FAMILIES

Be informed

- of resources and do not give legal advice
- about state and federal policies that impact students' access
- of opportunities for students

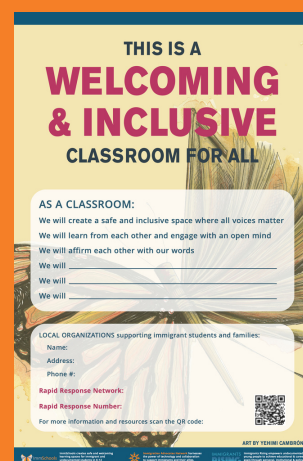
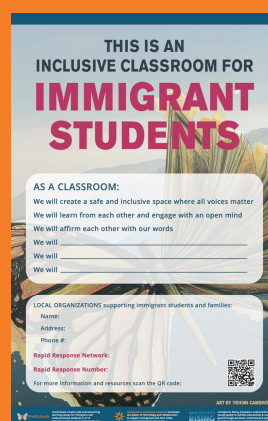
BUILD TRUST

- **Do not** assume or interrogate
- **Do not** ask to disclose their status
- **Do** maintain confidentiality
- **Identify** local organizations that offer support and resources to undocumented students

Creating Welcoming Spaces for All Students

Visuals are an effective way to show alliance and support. Families will feel seen, supported and welcome

VISUALS & INCLUSIVE TERMINOLOGY



“Thank you for sharing, I know that was difficult to share. I want you to know I will keep this confidential. My role as a _____ here is support you and your family through this process.”

Reassure parents that their immigration status **will not** impact their children's access to post-education and financial support.

- Provide clarity with the process:
 - College overview
 - College application process
 - Financial assistance application process
- Walk them through the process of FAFSA or TASFA in detail, explaining the requirements and how they should prepare to submit certain documents and meet the requirements.

FOR MORE RESOURCES/INFORMATION:

IMMSCHOOLS.ORG