

RESPONSE TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 234.7, as added by AB 699 (Ch. 493, Statutes of 2017), districts are mandated to adopt policy consistent with a model policy developed by the California Attorney General which limits assistance with immigration enforcement at public schools. See Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues, available on the web site of the Office of the Attorney General. Except as otherwise noted below, the following policy reflects the mandated policy statements. See the accompanying administrative regulation, BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities, BP/AR 5111 - Admission, AR 5111.1 - District Residency, BP/AR 5125 - Student Records, AR/E 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information, and BP 5131.2 - Bullying for additional language fulfilling this mandate.

The Governing Board is committed to the success of all students and believes that every school site should be a safe and welcoming place for all students and their families irrespective of their citizenship or immigration status.

District staff shall not solicit or collect information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members or provide assistance with immigration enforcement at district schools, except as may be required by state and federal law. (Education Code 234.7)

Note: Education Code 234.1 mandates that districts adopt policy prohibiting discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on the actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Penal Code 422.55 and Education Code 220. As amended by AB 699 (Ch. 493, Statutes of 2017), Education Code 234.1 expressly includes immigration status among the protected categories. See BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities and BP 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment for language fulfilling this mandate.

No student shall be denied equal rights and opportunities nor be subjected to unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in the district's programs and activities on the basis of his/her immigration status. (Education Code 200, 220, 234.1)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 234.7, as added by AB 699 (Ch. 493, Statutes of 2017), the district must notify parents/guardians of their children's right to a free public education regardless of immigration status, including "Know Your Educational Rights" information as contained in the Office of the Attorney General publication Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues. Such notice may be included in the annual parental notification provided pursuant to Education Code 48980 or through any other cost-effective means. Also see BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians regarding their children's right to a free public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs and their rights related to immigration enforcement. (Education Code 234.7)

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(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Consistent with requirements of the California Office of the Attorney General, the Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for addressing any requests by a law enforcement officer for access to district records, school sites, or students for the purpose of immigration enforcement.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

Note: The following optional paragraph reflects a recommendation of the Attorney General's model policy and may be revised to reflect district practice.

Teachers, school administrators, and other school staff shall receive training regarding immigration issues, including information on responding to a request from an immigration officer to visit a school site or to have access to a student.

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board in a timely manner any requests for information or access to a school site by an officer or employee of a law enforcement agency for the purpose of enforcing the immigration laws. Such notification shall be provided in a manner that ensures the confidentiality and privacy of any potentially identifying information. (Education Code 234.7)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200 Educational equity

220 Prohibition of discrimination

234.1 Safe Place to Learn Act

234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status

48204.4 Evidence of residency for school enrollment

48980 Parental notifications

48985 Notices to parents in language other than English

GOVERNMENT CODE

8310.3 California Religious Freedom Act

PENAL CODE

422.55 Definition of hate crime

627.1-627.6 Access to school premises, outsiders

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

COURT DECISIONS

Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982)