

WELCOMING UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS & FAMILIES IN K-12 SCHOOLS



Undocumented students and families are guaranteed access to K-12 public education regardless of their immigration status (Plyler v. Doe 1982 Supreme Court Case)

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

- **Schools cannot require proof of citizenship** (i.e. social security number, U.S. birth certificate) during a school enrollment process (Plyler v. Doe)
- **Schools staff cannot inquire** about a students or family immigration status (Plyler v. Doe)
- **If families self disclose their immigration status**, school personnel must keep this information confidential (FERPA)
- **Schools should adopt an ID policy** that allows families to show various types of IDs when accessing their student's school
- **Schools, churches and hospitals** are listed as sensitive locations where U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) actions are recommended to not occur (DHS Sensitive Locations Memo)
- **If enforcement occurs**, ICE agents can not enter a school or access school records without a judicial warrant (DHS Sensitive Locations Memo)
- **Undocumented students can go to college.** Many states have laws that allow undocumented students to pay in-state tuition and access state financial aid. Private universities, scholarships and other higher ed programs are also available



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- **Undocumented students & families** who are eligible should continue to use all in school support & benefits such as free or reduced lunch and after schools program
- **Undocumented students and families have POWER** and the right to advocate for themselves as a parent, student or family member regardless of their immigration status



RESOURCES

- **Immigration Legal Support:**
 - immigrantjustice.org
 - immigrationadvocates.org
 - immi.org
- **College Access Resources:**
 - ImmigrantsRising.org
 - MyUndocumentedLife.com
 - Dreamer's Road Map App
- **Know Your Rights outside of School:**
 - www.aclu.org/issues/immigrants-rights
 - Immigration Legal Resource Center
- **Scholarships/Resources for Undocumented Students:**
 - The Dream U.S.
 - Golden Door Scholars
 - Posse Program
 - Questbridge Program
- **Laws pertaining to rights in schools:**
 - Plyler v. Doe
 - (FERPA) Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
 - Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Sensitive Locations Memo
- **Local Resources:**
 - **Rapid Response Network:**

 - **Local Immigration Support:**

- **Mental Health Supports:**
 - immigrantsrising.org/mental-health-connector
 - unitedwedream.org/2017/10/mental-health-toolkit

