

Policy: Protections for immigrant students and families

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DCP BELIEVES

All students have the right to attend public school and enjoy access to equitable educational and programmatic services regardless of the citizenship or immigration status of the student or of the student's family members.

DCP is Committed to:

Protecting the confidentiality of sensitive information about students and their families through policies that prohibit information-sharing with federal immigration authorities to the fullest extent possible under the law.

Directs DCP staff:

DCP personnel shall not inquire about, or record in any way, a student's citizenship or immigration status at initial registration or at any other time, for any purpose, nor shall DCP personnel require, under any circumstances, documentation or information that may indicate a student's citizenship or immigration status, such as a green card, voter registration, passport, or citizenship papers.

Shall not require a SS#

Sharing of information

DCP staff shall not share information with immigration authorities except in line with FERPA.

- A signed warrant is needed to release information.
- Except in an emergency such as child endangerment or an active crime.
- Staff are directed to consult with the Executive Director or designee before releasing any information to authorities.

Immigration authorities on the premises

It is the general policy of DCP not to allow any individual or organization to enter a school site if the educational setting would be disrupted by that visit. The Governing Board believes that immigration enforcement activities in and around schools, constitute a severe disruption to the learning environment and educational setting for students. Accordingly, DCP personnel shall deny all requests by immigration enforcement officers for school or student access, or any requests from immigration enforcement officers for review of school documents (including for the services of lawful subpoenas, petitions, complaints, and warrants). Instead, District personnel shall immediately report to the Executive Director or designee any such request for review and consultation with legal counsel

If the officer declares that exigent circumstances exist and demands immediate access to the campus, DCP personnel should comply with the officer's orders and immediately contact the Executive Director or designee.

Write down badge, name, and contact parents.

Know Your Rights and Be Prepared

- Encourages families to update their emergency contacts.
- Know your rights cards.
- Work only with legitimate organizations.
- Support students in case someone is deported.
- Respond to rumors with clear information.