

YOUR EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS MATTER

UNDERSTANDING YOUR RIGHTS CAN EMPOWER STUDENTS AND FAMILIES IN EDUCATION



All students in California have a right to access public education regardless of their own or their parent/guardian's immigration status.



Information Required for School Enrollment

Schools must accept a variety of documents from the student's parent or guardian to demonstrate proof of child's age or residency and schools are not required to keep a copy of the document used as proof of a child's age.

Information about citizenship/immigration status is never needed for school enrollment. A Social Security number is never needed for school enrollment.



Confidentiality of Personal Information

Federal and state laws protect student education records and personal information. These laws generally require that schools get written consent from the student or parents/guardians before releasing student information, unless the release of information is for educational purposes, is already public, or is in response to a court order or subpoena.

Students and families can review Pathways' information sharing policy in the Student Handbook.



Family Safety Plans if you are Detained or Deported

You can update your or your child's emergency contact information, including secondary contacts, to identify a trusted adult guardian who can be the communication point if you are detained or deported.

If you are the parent/guardian of a minor student, you can complete a Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit or a Petition for Appointment of Temporary Guardian of the Person to give a trusted adult the authority to make educational and medical decisions for your child.

For more information on resources for responding to immigration enforcement activities at California schools, or to file a complaint, please contact:

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