Students

RESPONSE TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

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)

(cf. 5111 – Admission) (cf. 5111.1 – District Residency)

Local Education Agency (LEA) personnel shall not inquire specifically about a student's citizenship or immigration status or the citizenship or immigration status of a student's parents or guardians; nor shall personnel seek or require, to the exclusion of other permissible documentation or information, documentation or information that may indicate a student's immigration status, such as a green card, voter registration, a passport, or citizenship papers.

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) (cf. 5145.9 – Hate Motivated Behavior)

Where any law contemplates submission of national origin related information to satisfy the requirements of a special program, LEA personnel shall solicit that documentation or information separately from the school enrollment process.

Where permitted by law, the LEA designee shall enumerate alternative means to establish residency, age, or other eligibility criteria for enrollment or programs, and those alternative means shall include among them documentation or information that are available to persons regardless of immigration status, citizenship status, or national origin, and that do not reveal information related to citizenship or immigration status. Where residency, age, and other eligibility criteria for purposes of enrollment or any program may be established by alternative documents or information permitted by law or this policy, the LEA procedures and forms shall describe to the applicant, and accommodate, all alternatives specified in law and all alternatives authorized under this policy.

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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)

(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. 1340 – Access to District Records) (cf. 3580 – District Records) (cf. 5125 – Student Records) (cf. 5125.1 – Release of Directory Information)

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.

(cf. 4131/4231/74331 - Staff Development)

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)

RESPONSE TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT (continued)

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Legal Guidance on Providing All Children Equal Access to Education, Regardless of Immigration Status, February 2017

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

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, April 2018

WEB SITES

California Office of the Attorney General: <u>http://oag.ca.gov</u>

California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: <u>http://www.dfeh.ca.gov</u>

California Department of Justice: <u>http://www.justice.gov</u>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement: http://www.ice.gov

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Online Detainee Locator System: <u>http://locator.ice.gov/odls</u> CSBA: <u>http://www.csba.org</u>

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