

IMMIGRATION AND STUDENTS

MY SCHOOL MY RIGHTS KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Rights in California

Every child who lives in California has a fundamental right to a free K-12 public education regardless of race, nationality, sex, religion, language, or immigration status. Schools must provide a safe and welcoming environment so that students can focus on why they are there: to learn.

Schools may ask for documents that prove the student lives in the district, like phone bills or lease.

Schools cannot ask about a student's citizenship or immigration status.

Students do not need a birth certificate to enroll in school.

Schools cannot require a student to provide a social security number or other proof of U.S. citizenship to enroll in school.

Things parents or guardians can do to prepare in case of an immigration detention:

- ✓ Plan with your family about how you will respond.
- ✓ Update the "emergency contacts" in your student's file
- ✓ Have a trusted family member or friend fill out a "caregiver's affidavit" to allow them to pick up your student at school.

More information: www.aclunc.org/article/aclu-california-sanctuary-schools-campaign

