



**Subject:** Immigrant Students and Families

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California Education Code 234.7 requires all California public schools to provide protections for all California resident students, regardless of immigration status, and extend specific support to immigrant students and their families. The Bill requires that schools adopt supportive practices in response to heightened immigration enforcement, including:

- Updated staff training
- Curriculum development
- Implement measures to prevent students from being discriminated against or bullied based on their immigration status.
- Ensure schools are teaching students about the harm of bullying students based on immigration status.
- Report police enforcement of immigration laws to school boards.
- Inform parents about their children's right to free public education and about policies to resist assistance with immigration enforcement at school, including the collection of immigration status or documentation of citizenship of pupils or their family members.

#### Collecting and Retaining Student Information

- The Superintendent or designee shall maintain in writing Inland Empire and Empire Springs Charter Schools practices and procedures for gathering and handling sensitive student information, and appropriate personnel shall receive training regarding those policies and procedures.
- If Inland Empire and Empire Springs Charter School possesses information that could indicate immigration status, citizenship status, or national origin information, the Inland Empire and Empire Springs Charter School shall not use the acquired information to

discriminate against any students or families or bar children from enrolling in or attending school or to create a registry based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, national origin, or immigration status.

- If parents or guardians choose not to provide information that could indicate their or their children's immigration status, citizenship status, or national origin information, the Inland Empire and Empire Springs Charter School shall not use such actions as a basis to discriminate against any students or families or bar children from enrolling in or attending school.
- Inland Empire and Empire Springs Charter School shall not solicit or collect Social Security numbers or cards.

#### Inquiries Regarding Immigration Status, Citizenship Status, and National Origin Information

- Inland Empire and Empire Springs Charter School 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.
- Where any law contemplates submission of national origin-related information to satisfy the requirements of a special program, Inland Empire and Empire Springs Charter School personnel shall solicit that documentation or information separately from the school enrollment process.
- Where permitted by law, the Superintendent or designee of Inland Empire and Empire Springs Charter School 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. Inland Empire and Empire Springs Charter School shall note the method of age verification but are not required to maintain a copy of the document used to show age.
- 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 Inland Empire and Empire Springs Charter School's procedures and forms shall describe to the applicant, and accommodate, all alternatives specified in law and all alternatives authorized under this policy.