Supporting Immigrant Students

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Right to Public Education


- Proposition 187 (1994)
Safe and Welcoming Schools
Safe Haven Districts in CA

- At least 140 school districts (out of ~1000)
- ~40% of CA Students
- 2.5 million students (out of 6.2 million)
Components of Safe and Welcoming Schools

• Schools District Policies and District/Site Procedures

• Classroom/Site Support

• Resources and Information for Families
Example Districts

- Oakland Unified ousd.org/sanctuary
- LAUSD https://achieve.lausd.net/weareone
- Earlimart SD Safe Haven Plan (https://www.earlimart.org/article/26661?org=district)
AB 699

Education Equity: Immigration and Citizenship Status

• Signed in 2017 and went into effect January 1, 2018
• Attorney General Becerra released guidance and model policies on March 30, 2018
• Districts were to adopt policies or equivalent by July 1, 2018

https://www.oag.ca.gov/bcj
What Can Schools Do?

• Partner with local immigrant’s rights or immigration legal organizations to provide KYR, immigration updates

• Develop a resource/referral list for trusted immigration legal in the local area

• Integrate immigration-related information through regular school communications

  https://ready-california.org
What Immigrant Families Should Do Now

• Understand their rights and practice asserting them!
• Put a child care and family preparedness plan in place
• Figure out which documents you should and should not carry
• Talk to an immigration services provider about immigration options
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