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Collecting and Retaining Student Information

- The district shall maintain, in writing, policies and procedures for gathering and handling sensitive student information, and appropriate personnel shall receive training regarding those policies and procedures.
- If the district possesses information that could indicate immigration status, citizenship status, or national origin information, the district shall not use the acquired information to discriminate against any students or families or bar children from enrollment in or attending school.
- 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 district shall not use such actions as a basis to discriminate against any students or families or bar children from enrolling in or attending school.
- The district shall not allow school resources or data to be used to create a registry based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, or national origin.

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

- District 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, district personnel shall solicit that documentation or information separately from the school enrollment process.
- Where permitted by law, the district 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.
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- 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, the district’s procedures and forms shall describe to the applicant, and accommodate, all alternatives specified in law and all alternatives authorized under this policy.

Inquiries about Social Security Numbers or Cards

- The district shall not solicit or collect entire Social Security numbers or cards.
- The district shall not solicit and collect the last four digits of an adult household member’s Social Security number unless required to establish eligibility for federal benefit programs.
- When collecting the last four digits of an adult household member’s Social Security number to establish eligibility for a federal benefit program, the district shall explain the limited purpose for which this information is collected, and clarify that a failure to provide this information will not bar the student from enrolling in school.
- The district shall treat all students equitably in the receipt of all school services, including, but not limited to, the gathering of student and family information for the free and reduced lunch program, transportation and educational instruction.

Information Sharing

- The district shall avoid the disclosure of information that might indicate a student’s or family’s citizenship or immigration status if the disclosure is not authorized by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- The district shall require written parental or guardian consent for release of student information, unless the information is relevant for a legitimate educational interest or includes directory information only. Neither exception permits disclosing information to immigration authorities for immigration-enforcement purposes; no student information shall be disclosed to immigration authorities for immigration-enforcement purposes without a court order or judicial subpoena.
- The district’s request for written or parental or guardian consent for release of student information must include the following information:

1. The signature and date of the parent, guardian, or eligible student providing consent.
2. A description of the records to be disclosed.
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3. The reason for release of information.
4. The parties or class of parties receiving the information.
5. If requested by the parents, guardians or eligible student, a copy of the records to be released. The district shall permanently keep the consent notice with the record file.

- The parent, guardian, or eligible student is not required to sign the consent form. If the parent, guardian or eligible student refuses to provide written consent for the release of student information that is not otherwise subject to release, the district shall not release the information.

Monitoring and Receiving Visitors onto Campus

- District personnel shall report entry by immigration enforcement officers to School Police Services as would be required for any unexpected or unscheduled outside visitor coming on campus.

Responding to On-Campus Immigration Enforcement

- Prompt compliance with a federal judicial warrant (search and seizure warrant or arrest warrant) is usually legally required. Consult with Legal Services before providing the agent access to the person or materials specified in the warrant.

Policies for Responding to the Detention or Deportation of a Student’s Family Member

- In the event a student’s parent/guardian has been detained or deported by federal immigration authorities, the district shall use the student’s emergency card contact information and release the student to the person(s) designated as emergency contacts. Alternatively, the district shall release the student into the custody of any individual who presents a Caregiver’s Authorization Affidavit on behalf of the student. The district shall only contact Child Protective Services if the district’s personnel are unsuccessful in arranging for the timely care of the child through the emergency contact information that the school has, a Caregiver’s Authorization Affidavit, or other information or instructions conveyed by the parent or guardian.