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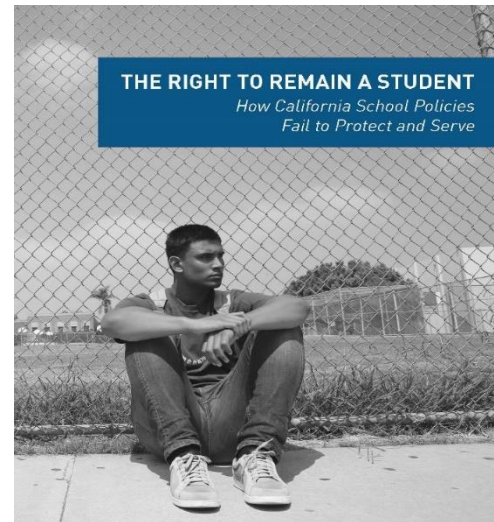
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Education is a Fundamental Right

Children in California have rights under the U.S. and California Constitutions and state and federal civil rights laws to equal educational opportunity.

The ACLU works to preserve and guarantee the protections of the Constitution's Bill of Rights.



Challenges to Protecting Undocumented Communities in Schools

Social, Political, and Legal Landscape

- Increased school harassment and bullying based on sexual orientation, race, national origin, and religion
- More visible immigration enforcement, including near schools
- Federal government is pro-immigration enforcement, pro-border wall at US-Mexico border, anti-DACA Program, and anti-sanctuary
- **Result:** Fear and uncertainty in our communities

School-to-Prison / Deportation Pipeline

The school-to-prison-deportation pipeline is created by school practices that prematurely connect students to the criminal justice system and/or immigration enforcement system. These school practices include:

- Increased presence of police on school campuses, leading to increased arrests
- Zero-tolerance discipline policies
- Criminalizing violations of school rules
- “Push-out” of students into alternative schools
- Collaboration with immigration enforcement

Strategies to Protect Undocumented Students & School Workers

School-Led Strategies to Protect & Support Undocumented Families

- School staff should be familiar with their district's sanctuary policies & resources
- Schools should routinely practice implementing their sanctuary policies
- Schools should routinely review enrollment procedures & practices, including use of immigration-related documents
- Schools should refrain from involving police or probation for violations of school rules or for low-level, non-violent misconduct

School-Led Strategies to Support DACA-mented School Staff

- Know anti-discrimination laws.
 - It's unlawful to fire someone because of their nationality
 - It's unlawful to target employees for re-verification of work eligibility based on country of origin, citizenship or type of immigration status
- Don't ask employees about DACA status, only what's mandated by law
- Where possible, support DACA-mented staff by providing grants for legal fees

Family-Led Strategies to Protect Undocumented Students

- Always maintain updated emergency cards
- Request that the school not keep records of immigration-related statuses or docs
- Families can file “Uniform Complaint Procedures” complaints for harassment, discrimination, or bullying based on national origin or race
- Develop a “Family Preparedness Plan”
 - <https://www.ilrc.org/family-preparedness-plan>
 - CA: Caregiver’s Authorization Affidavit
- Know Your Rights If You Come Into Contact With ICE or Law Enforcement
- Consult a trusted immigration lawyer

What Can We Do? Calls To Action!

What Can You Do?

- Support the clean Dream Act!
 - Call and write your legislators to support the Clean Dream Act
 - Tell 5 friends and family members to call their legislators! It helps!
 - [Sign On Letter to Congress: https://action.aclu.org/secure/support-dream-act?ms=web_170811_immigrantsrights_DREAMAct](https://action.aclu.org/secure/support-dream-act?ms=web_170811_immigrantsrights_DREAMAct)
- Call Border Patrol to Free Rosa Maria
 - https://www.aclu.org/issues/release-rosa-maria-hernandez?ms=web_171027_immigrantrights_rosamaria
- Email DACArevoked@aclu.org if you or someone you know had their DACA status unfairly revoked

Resources

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Protecting Undocumented and Vulnerable Students

Support immigrant students and families!

- ACLU's My School, My Rights: <https://www.myschoolmyrights.com/>
- ACLU's Sanctuary Schools Campaign: <https://www.aclusocal.org/en/publications/sanctuary-toolkit>
- LAUSD's We Are One Campaign Website (with resources for educators & families): <https://achieve.lausd.net/weareone>
- CCSA's Guide on Protecting Undocumented and Vulnerable Students: <http://www.ccsa.org/2017/06/protecting-undocumented-and-vulnerable-students.html>

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Support immigrant students, families, and workers!

- United We Dream / DREAM Educational Empowerment Program:
<https://unitedwedream.org/about/projects/education-deep/>
- “About DACA and Employment” by Advancing Justice, United We Dream, and National Immigration Law Center:
<https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/DACA-and-employment-2017-09-07.pdf>

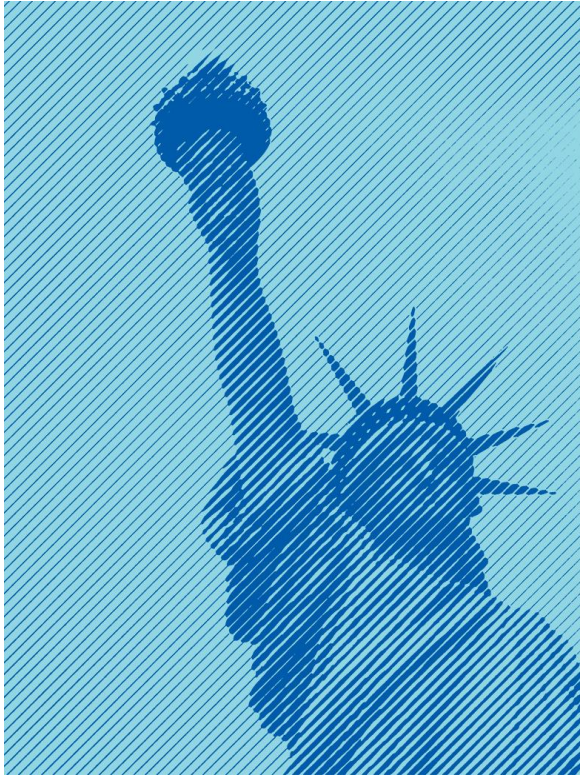


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