

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

The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) shall encourage families and students to have and know their emergency phone numbers and know where to find important documentation, including birth certificates, passports, Social Security cards, doctors’ contact information, medication lists, lists of allergies, etc., which will allow them to be prepared in the event that a family member is detained or deported.

SCOE shall permit students and families to update students’ emergency contact information as needed throughout the school year, and provide alternative contacts if no parent or guardian is available.

- SCOE shall ensure that families may include the information of an identified trusted adult guardian as a secondary emergency contact in case a student’s parent or guardian is detained.
- SCOE shall communicate to families that information provided within the emergency cards will only be used in response to specified emergency situations, and not for any other purpose.

In the event a student’s parent/guardian has been detained or deported by federal immigration authorities, SCOE shall use the student’s emergency card contact information and release the student to the person(s) designated as emergency contacts. Alternatively, SCOE shall release the student into the custody of any individual who presents a Caregiver’s Authorization Affidavit on behalf of the student. SCOE shall only contact Child Protective Services if SCOE 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.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 200 Educational equity
- 220 Prohibition of discrimination
- 234.1 Safe Place to Learn Act
- 234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status
- 48204.4 Evidence of residency for school enrollment
- 48980 Parental notifications
- 48985 Notices to parents in language other than English

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 8310.3 California Religious Freedom Act

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Publication: Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California’s K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues, April 2018

Policy Cross-Reference:

- 0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities
- 1250 Visitors/Outsiders
- 5145.13 Response to On-Campus Immigration Enforcement and Parent Notification of Enforcement