

Talking Points Regarding Immigration Policies and Freedom from Discrimination

Schools Continue to be Safe Spaces for Learning

- One of the top priorities of L.A. Unified continues to be creating safe spaces for learning, where all students are respected and have access to a quality education.
- The District's policies prohibit discrimination against or harassment of our students, families, or employees on the basis of actual or perceived religion, disability, nationality, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or other protected classes.
- All children in the United States have a constitutional right to equal access to a free public education, regardless of immigration status or that of their parents. L.A. Unified will continue to honor that right.
- L.A. Unified does not ask for the immigration status of a student or family member for enrollment or educational purposes.

Recent Changes to Immigration Law

- On January 25, 2017, President Trump signed executive orders related to immigration and border security, including:
 - Increasing resources to enforce immigration laws
 - Identifying resources for the construction of a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border
 - Withholding federal grants to what the administration could identify as “sanctuary jurisdictions”
- It is possible that these executive orders might be challenged in court or by lawmakers.
- On January 27, 2017, President Trump also signed an executive order restricting travel from seven countries. This order is currently being challenged in court.
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals ([DACA](#)) is a policy implemented under the Obama Administration in June 2012. At this time, the new presidential administration has not released guidance on whether it will modify or remove DACA.

For More Information...

- The District's School Enrollment Placement and Assessment (S.E.P.A.) Center can provide information related to immigration status and freedom from discrimination, as well as direct support and referrals to non-District agencies. The S.E.P.A. Center can be contacted at (213) 482-3954.
- The District has also opened temporary extended support sites in each region of the District that provide similar resources to the S.E.P.A. Center.
- To find the extended support site that is closest to them, people can call a hotline that has been set up to respond to questions around these issues and others. The hotline number is (866) 742-2273.