



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **Commitment to education of all children and protection of rights of undocumented students**

The Santa Monica-Malibu Board of Education approved a Resolution on December 15, 2016, outlining the district's commitment to ALL students, regardless of residency status.

[Read the Resolution](#)

### **Resources for Families:**

- [City of Santa Monica Resolution and Resources](#)
- [Undocumented Students and Families: The Facts](#), a guidance sheet to give you answers to key legal questions related to undocumented students.
- [National Immigration Law Center](#)
- The Latino Legal Voice for Civil Rights in America: [www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org)
- [Anti-Defamation League \(ADL\)](#): Tips and Advice for Teachers and Parents / Family Members:
- [Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles - CHIRLA LA](#)
  - [CHIRLA LA - DACA recommendations](#)
- [Resources for those concerned about Immigration Issues](#)
- [Immigration Resources from the office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti](#)

SMMUSD remains steadfastly dedicated to maintaining positive school climates that promote student learning and development. School counselors are available at school for students who are feeling overwhelmed or fearful. Our district is committed to the education and welfare of students from all backgrounds.

We would like to remind our families that our enrollment and registration process only requires verification of local residency and does not require proof of citizenship or immigration status. Federal law prohibits us from asking for immigration status and the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1982 that no public school district has a basis to deny children access to education based on their immigration status.

The Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) policy of 2011 states that it will not conduct immigration enforcement activity at any sensitive location, which includes schools, without special permission by specific federal law enforcement officials, unless exigent circumstances exist.

SMMUSD embraces diversity. We value all of our students and are here to help if you need us.

Thank you.

### **SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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