

School Supports for Immigrant and Student Families

Nations have the right to control their borders. That doesn't mean the tools used to control those borders must strip people of their dignity and force them to live in fear. Fear of being caged and separated. Fear of going back home from school to an empty house.

Equal Opportunity Schools is not an immigration expert and we are not representing any specific organization or party. Below is a list of resources members of our community have found useful during this time. Please consult your local immigration specialists on specific questions, concerns, and rights.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PARENTS

1. Obtain Red Cards and familiarize yourself with your rights.

[Printable Red Cards \(Español/English\)](https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards)
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2. Work with your family to create a safety plan in case of family/parent detention (code words, pickup locations, out of state contacts). Memorize important phone numbers that you might need (parents, trusted adults, etc.).

[Family Safety Plan \(Español\)](https://tinyurl.com/y9w8yjgu)
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3. Ensure your family updates emergency contacts wherever they exist to include a trusted individual who is a citizen.

[Planning Guide](https://tinyurl.com/y2s36mua)
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Examples of places with emergency contacts on record:

- Schools
- Health Care Providers
- Child Care/After School Activities

4. Assemble several packets of important documents (copies and originals) and determine where they will be kept. Making sure that trusted adults can access them in the event of an emergency.

[What to do if you or someone you know is detained](https://tinyurl.com/yy9zu28y)
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[How to find someone detained by ICE](https://locator.ice.gov/odls/)
<https://locator.ice.gov/odls/>

5. Sign and have ready a Caregiver Authorization Affidavit for each of your children. Have this copied, signed, and sealed in a plastic bag in your child's backpack. If your child is a U.S. citizen, make sure they have U.S. passports.

[Getting a child passport \(under age 16\)](https://tinyurl.com/yy9sxdmx)
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6. Notify your previous country of residence about the birth of any children you have outside.