



## Immigration Q&A

**Q: What impact does undocumented immigration status have on my child's education?**

**A:** None. Children have a Constitutional right to have equal access to education regardless of their immigration status or their parents' status.

**Q. Does PPS ask for a child's immigration status when he or she enrolls?**

**A:** No. All public school districts like PPS have an obligation to enroll students regardless of their immigration status and without discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin.

**Q. Would PPS ever share our students' immigration status with federal immigration officials?**

**A:** No. As mentioned above, PPS does not ask for, collect, or maintain information about students' immigration status.

**Q. Are School Resource Officers (SROs) or other local law enforcement officials going to target my child while they're in school?**

**A:** No. SROs work with our schools to serve and support all students, regardless of their citizenship or immigration status.

**Q. Could my child ever be removed from school?**

**A:** Police or government officials cannot take a student from a school without a court order, making an arrest, a protective custody order, or permission from the parent or guardian. If a warrant, subpoena, or authorization from a parent or guardian is presented to the school office, the principal will contact the district's attorney before taking any action.

**Q. What does PPS do to ensure that no student or family is discriminated against or harassed because of their race, ethnicity, religion or national origin?**

**A:** PPS believes deeply that all people are treated in a respectful manner. We have policies in place that mandate no discrimination or harassment of our students, families or employees on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, national origin and many other protected classes.

**Q. What should I do if I feel like I have been the victim of discrimination or harassment?**

**A:** Please report the behavior immediately to a supervisor, school leader or to the Interim Superintendent.

**Q. What happens if a parent is detained by a federal agent and is unable to pick their child up from school?**

**A:** All families should make sure the school has updated emergency contact information for an authorized adult to pick their child up from school. This is important not only for this issue but all emergency situations because in the event a parent doesn't arrive, the school will reach out to the student's emergency contacts.