

A Message to Students and Families From Grant HS Student Services Team

We understand that recent national discussions on immigration have raised concerns for many in our community. At Grant High School, we are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students, regardless of background.

We want to reassure you that state laws prevent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials from interacting with students on school grounds or gaining personal information without a valid arrest warrant. Additionally, we uphold Oregon laws that protect individuals from being detained based solely on immigration status.

The safety and privacy of our students are our top priorities. We are committed to safeguarding educational records and ensuring that all students, regardless of their immigration status, feel safe and valued. Our school community strives to treat every individual with dignity, and we maintain policies that safeguard students from discrimination. We are committed to supporting each of our students with compassion and understanding.

We hope these resources will be helpful to you and your loved ones:

- [This FAQ](#) answers many questions about the steps Portland Public Schools will be taking to safeguard staff and students going forward.
- [The Immigrant Legal Resource Center Little Red Card](#) This card is meant to help people assert their rights and defend themselves in many situations. These can be printed out and carried on your person.
- [Know Your Rights for Families/Students](#) (Oregon ACLU)
- [Immigrant Rights Resources One Pager](#)
- PPS's [Office for Civil Rights](#) offers support addressing discrimination, harassment, and bias-related concerns
- [McKinney-Vento](#) serves all students who do not have a fixed, regular or adequate living situation
- 211: Calls are answered 24/7 in 150 languages at 2-1-1 or email help@211.org. Community specialists help families with resources pertaining to housing, food, financial assistance, legal assistance organizations, English lessons, and more.
- [Racial Equity Support Line](#). The Racial Equity Support Line is led and staffed by people with lived experience of racism: (503) 575-3764, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

We encourage all families to ensure that their emergency contacts are updated (including contacts outside of their immediate family) and to provide copies of power of attorney if they have them. Please connect with your child's school counselor to provide this information or if you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance.

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