



## **Response To Immigration Enforcement Policy**

The Governing Board is committed to the success of all students and believes that iQ Academy Los Angeles should be a safe and welcoming place for all students and their families, irrespective of their citizenship or immigration status. The school protects the rights of students in accordance with state and federal law.

School staff shall not solicit or collect information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members, nor provide assistance with immigration enforcement, except when required by state or federal law. (Education Code section 234.7)

No student shall be denied equal rights and opportunities nor be subjected to unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in the school's programs and activities on the basis of actual or perceived immigration status. (Education Code sections 200, 220, 234.1)

The Head of School or designee shall notify parents/guardians regarding their children's right to a free public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs, and their rights related to immigration enforcement. (Education Code section 234.7)

## **Applicability to Virtual Programs and In-Person Events**

For purposes of this policy, "school site" includes any physical location where a school-sponsored activity, outing, assessment, meeting, instructional activity, or event is taking place. All provisions of this policy apply equally to virtual programming, school-sponsored in-person events, and any location where school staff are acting in their official capacity.

## **Limitation on Immigration Enforcement Access**

*(AB 49 / SB 98)*

Pursuant to Education Code section 234.7, Assembly Bill 49 (2025), and Senate Bill 98, iQ Academy Los Angeles expressly prohibits allowing any officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement to enter any nonpublic area of a school site or school-sponsored event for any purpose absent a valid judicial warrant, judicial subpoena, or court order.

For purposes of this policy, nonpublic areas include, but are not limited to, classrooms, offices, counseling spaces, student work areas, and any space under the supervision or control of school staff during a school-sponsored activity, whether on or off campus.

Administrative warrants, immigration detainers, or other non-judicial documents do not authorize access to nonpublic areas, students, or school personnel.

## **Identification Requirement**

Any school official or employee who encounters an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement shall, to the extent practicable, request and examine valid identification, including the officer's



name, badge number, agency affiliation, and supervisor contact information. This requirement applies to all staff, including those supervising or participating in off-campus or in-person school-sponsored events.

## **Responding to Requests for Information**

Unless authorized by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”) pursuant to 20 USC 1232g, student information shall not be disclosed to immigration law enforcement authorities without parental consent, a court order, or judicial subpoena. Absent a valid judicial warrant, judicial subpoena, or court order, school staff shall not disclose the education records of or any information whatsoever about a student or the student’s family or household to any officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement.

Prohibited disclosures include, but are not limited to:

- Student education records
- Personally identifiable information
- Contact information
- Home addresses and home schedules
- Travel schedules or travel patterns
- Emergency contact information
- Attendance data
- Any information derived from school records or staff knowledge

Disclosure shall not occur without the written consent of the student’s parent or guardian, unless required by a valid judicial warrant, subpoena, or court order directing the school or its personnel to do so.

The Head of School or designee shall annually notify parents/guardians that the school will not release any student information including home and travel schedules for immigration enforcement purposes except as required by law.

Upon receiving any verbal or written request for information related to a student’s or family’s immigration or citizenship status, the school staff shall:

- Notify the Head of School or designee immediately
- Document the request
- Provide students and families with appropriate notice and a description of the request
- Provide copies of any documents presented by immigration enforcement, unless prohibited by law

Resources and data collected by the school shall not be used, directly or by others, to compile a list, registry, or database of individuals based on national origin, immigration status, religion, or other category of individual characteristics protected against unlawful discrimination. (Government Code section 8310.3)

## **Responding to Requests for Access to Students or School Sponsored Events**

School staff shall receive parent/guardian consent before a student is interviewed or searched by any officer seeking to enforce civil immigration laws during a school-sponsored activity, unless the officer presents a valid judicial warrant or court order.



If an immigration enforcement officer is present at a school-sponsored event, staff shall:

- Advise the officer that staff must first receive direction from the Head of School or designee, except in exigent circumstances
- Request and document the officer's credentials
- Request and review documentation authorizing access
- Make copies of all documents presented
- Immediately notify the Head of School or designee

If the officer presents:

- An ICE administrative warrant: staff shall inform the officer that the school cannot consent to the request absent a judicial warrant and shall contact legal counsel or a designated administrator.
- A federal judicial warrant or court order: staff shall comply as required and consult legal counsel or administration when feasible.
- A subpoena: staff shall forward it to legal counsel or a designated administrator and await instructions.

Staff shall not physically impede an officer. If an officer exceeds the scope of authorization, staff shall document the incident.

After any encounter, staff shall promptly document:

- Officer credentials and contact information
- School personnel involved
- Details of the request
- Documentation presented
- Actions taken by staff and the officer

This protocol shall be reviewed with all certificated staff annually as part of mandatory training.

## **Reporting and Notification**

The Head of School or designee shall report to the Governing Board in a timely manner any requests for information or access related to immigration enforcement, in a manner that preserves confidentiality. (Education Code section 234.7)

The Head of School or designee shall also notify the Bureau of Children's Justice at the California Department of Justice (BCJ@doj.ca.gov) regarding any attempt by immigration enforcement to access a school site, event, or student.

## **Responding to the Detention or Deportation of Student's Family Member**

The Head of School or designee shall encourage families to maintain updated emergency contact information and designate trusted adults. Emergency information shall be used solely for emergency purposes.

If a parent/guardian is detained or deported, the school shall release the student to individuals listed on emergency contact information or to a person presenting a valid caregiver's authorization affidavit. Child protective services shall be contacted only if no safe alternative can be arranged.



The Head of School or designee shall notify affected students of their continued eligibility for enrollment pursuant to Education Code section 48204.4 and may refer families to appropriate resources.

The head of school or designee may refer a student or his/her family members to other resources for assistance, including, but not limited to, an ICE detainee locator, legal assistance, or the consulate or embassy of the parent/guardian's country of origin. The school annually posts contact information for nonprofit legal support organizations serving immigrant communities. The school annually posts contact information for nonprofit legal support organizations serving immigrant communities.

### **Attorney General Model Policy Alignment**

This policy is adopted pursuant to Education Code section 234.7 and is intended to align with the California Attorney General's model policies limiting assistance with immigration enforcement.

iQ Academy Academy Los Angeles shall update this policy as necessary to remain consistent with any revisions issued by the Attorney General, including the updated model policy required to be published no later than December 1, 2025, and to ensure compliance by March 1, 2026.



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*Reviewed annually as part of the Parent Student Handbook.*