Every child who lives in California has a fundamental right to a free K-12 public education regardless of race, nationality, sex, religion, language, or immigration status. Schools must provide a safe and welcoming environment so that students can focus on why they are there: to learn.

Schools cannot ask about a student’s citizenship or immigration status.

Schools cannot require a student to provide a social security number or other proof of U.S. citizenship to enroll in school.

Schools may ask for documents that prove the student lives in the district, like phone bills or lease.

Students do not need a birth certificate to enroll in school.

Things parents or guardians can do to prepare in case of an immigration detention:

- Plan with your family about how you will respond.
- Update the “emergency contacts” in your student’s file.
- Have a trusted family member or friend fill out a “caregiver’s affidavit” to allow them to pick up your student at school.

More information: www.aclunc.org/article/aclu-california-sanctuary-schools-campaign