

How Schools Can Partner with Immigrant Families

Start with these four essential tips in your work with immigrant families.



Immigrant Students' Rights

All students have a right to a free public K-12 education, regardless of their (or their parents') immigration status. Districts should provide all staff (including front office staff and school resource officers) with legal guidance on student privacy and interactions with law enforcement.



Emergency Contact Information

Help families keep contact information updated so that the school can find caregivers during a crisis. Ask for multiple emergency contacts, translate forms, make a "how-to" video, and send frequent reminders.



Create a Family Engagement Team

Create a team focused on family outreach. Engage parent leaders and staff such as administrators, family liaisons, ESL/bilingual educators, social workers, and paraprofessionals to address priority issues.



Community Organizations

Connect with community organizations that can provide assistance, training, legal support, and immigration information. Keep in mind that families may have different types of questions based on their situation.

To see more ideas, visit our [immigration guide](#) for schools.

