

How Schools Can Partner with Immigrant Families

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



Welcoming Immigrant Families

Look for ways to make [families feel welcome](#) within the school. Remind staff and families that all [students have a right](#) to a free public K-12 education, regardless of their immigration status or that of their parents.



Emergency Contact Information

Help families keep [contact information updated](#) so that the school can find caregivers during a crisis. Make this process more accessible by translating forms, making a “how-to” video, and sending 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.

