

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



## KeepingDC Schools Safe for All Families and Students

REMEMEBER THAT DC SCHOOLS AR E

- x Remember that all students are entitled to disability and other benefits without regard to legal status. All students are entitled to school lunches, school breakfasts, special education and other educational services, whether or not they have documentation. Once a student enters a schoolhouse, the laws make no distinction based on immigration status.
- x You enjoy language access at government proceedings. Regardless of your immigration status, you have the right to understand governmental proceedings. If you need a translator or a translation at any governmental agency, including at a parent teacher conference or meeting about your student's individualized education plan, don't hesitate to ask. Translations and interpretation are your rights– not just if you interact with District police or courts, but also if you have an interaction with ICE or federal immigration officials.
- x Remember your rights when interacting with federal immigration or ICE officials. If you want guidance on what you should do if you are detained or confronted by a federal immigration and/or ICE official, consider attending a Know Your Rights training hosted by a DC legal services or immigration organization, such as those funded by the Immigrant Justice Legal Services (IJLS) grant program. If you need help finding a training or organization, ask your school officials or see the list of IJLS grantees that will be listed on the Mayor's Office of African Affairs website, the Mayor's Office of Latino Affairs website and the Mayor's Office of Asian and Pacific Islanders website.

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- x MPD will not ask you about citizenship or residency status. The Metropolitan Police Department has a longstanding policy that strictly prohibits Metropolitan Police Department-2 ( (r)5 M

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