

## Legal Information Regarding Undocumented Students

### Student Rights

*All students, including undocumented students, have a right to attend school in California in a learning environment free from discrimination, harassment, bullying, violence, and intimidation.*

#### **Q. Do schools collect information about students' immigration status?**

**A.** No. GUSD collects information to verify a student's age and proof of residency, but not proof of immigration status. GUSD accepts any of the following documents to verify age and residency:

#### Accepted verifications for proof of age and legal name:

1. Birth Certificate OR
2. Passport OR
3. Baptismal Certificate or Official Hospital Record of Birth OR
4. Alien Card OR
5. Citizenship Certificate OR
6. School Records (only if transferring from another Glendale school)

#### Accepted verifications for residency requirements:

1. Two (2) original, current utility bills in parent's/legal guardian's name OR
2. Escrow papers plus one (1) utility bill OR
3. Rental agreement plus one (1) utility bill

#### **Q. What will happen to my student if an immigration official comes onto campus?**

**A.** Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents will not be allowed to enter schools or other district property without prior written approval from the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee.

#### **Q. Are staff required to allow ICE, police, or other government authorities to have access to student records?**

**A.** Access to student records should only be allowed if the requesting agency has a valid court order or subpoena in compliance with FERPA or immigration laws or regulations.

### Parent Rights

*All parents, irrespective of their legal status, have a right to participate in their children's education and are encouraged to do so.*

#### **Q. Are undocumented parents required to undergo fingerprinting in order to volunteer at school?**

**A.** Yes. All parents are required to undergo fingerprinting to volunteer at school. The purpose of the fingerprinting requirement is confidential and solely for the use of the District to ensure the safety of students and staff (i.e. that the volunteer has not been convicted of a sex or drug offense with a minor).

#### **Q. If a parent is in custody as the result of an immigration enforcement action, are districts required to release the student to ICE or other immigration officials?**

**A.** No. Students will be released only to an authorized caregiver or emergency contact. Parents with such concerns should make advance arrangements with relatives and ensure that your authorized emergency contacts are up to date.