

Riverview's Commitment to Support All Students

The Riverview School District is an inclusive, collaborative, family oriented school district with high expectations, and will continue to provide support and advocacy on behalf of each student and every family we serve. Bullying, harassment, intimidation or discrimination has no place in the Riverview School District. We want Riverview's commitment to equity, access, understanding and respect to continue. That is why we want to assure you that Riverview will not waver in its commitment to all Riverview's students. Our schools will be a safe zone for students to learn and thrive. All Riverview School District staff are doing their best to make sure schools are safe places.

Washington Superintendent of Public Instruction Statement

As a result of the U.S. Supreme Court Case *Plyer v. Doe* in 1982, the Court ruled that undocumented students have the same right to attend public schools as U.S. citizens and permanent residents. As a result of the ruling, public schools:

- May not deny admission to a student during initial enrollment or at any other time on the basis of immigration status.
- May not treat a student differently to determine residency.
- May not engage in any practices that might have a "chilling effect" on school enrollment.
- May not require students or parents to disclose or document their immigration status, including Social Security numbers.
- May not make inquiries of students or parents that may expose their undocumented status. Examples include asking for a student's status when enrolling the student as an English learner or when enrolling for free or reduced-priced meals.

Some information, such as a student's race, ethnicity, and address (if the student is not homeless) is collected. However, the student's personal information cannot be disclosed to the public, nor can it be used to deny enrollment. Our state's public education system exists to help our students learn. It does not function, nor will it function, as an arm of federal immigration services.

Resources

- Immigration [fact sheet for families and schools](#): Limitations on immigration enforcement at sensitive locations
- What to Do if ICE Comes to Your Door: [English](#) / [Spanish](#)
- What do the executive orders mean for immigrant families? Videos: : [English](#) / [Spanish](#)