

# Immigration & Maine Schools

## Know Your Rights



Families may be nervous about changes to the laws permitting immigration officials in schools. It is important to have accurate information about your student's rights and what schools can and cannot do.



Your child has a right to a free and appropriate public education, regardless of their (or your) immigration status.



Schools cannot share any information in your child's school record without your written consent.



Schools cannot share your child's home language or immigration status without a valid warrant signed by a judge.



Your school district should have a plan in writing for how to respond if ICE comes to school. If you haven't seen it, we recommend contacting a trusted adult at school to request that your school create and share the plan with parents and guardians.



Immigration officials cannot enter a school, except for maybe the main office, without a valid warrant, signed by a judge. If ICE has another type of "warrant," that will not allow them to enter a school.



If a student is detained, schools should contact their parents immediately. We recommend contacting a trusted adult at school and an immigration lawyer.



If a parent is detained, the school will call the student's emergency contact. If there isn't one, the school will call DHHS. We recommend having a care plan for your child in writing.

**Questions? Call Pine Tree Legal Assistance (207) 942-8322**

Mon. 12pm-2:30pm; Tues. 9am-11:30am; Thurs. 9am-11:30am.

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