Santa Ynez Valley Charter School

Board Policy # 26-0012

Response To Immigration Enforcement Policy

The SYVCS Board of Directors is committed to the success of all students and to providing a safe and welcoming place for students, their families, and staff irrespective of their citizenship or immigration status.

Unless required by state or federal law, required to administer a state or federally supported educational program, or presented with a valid judicial subpoena, judicial warrant, or court order, school staff shall not do any of the following:

1. Solicit or collect information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of a student or the student's family members (Education Code 234.7)
2. Seek or require information or documents, to the exclusion of other permissible documents, regarding the citizenship or immigration status of a student or the student's family members (Education Code 234.7)
3. To the extent practicable, disclose or provide in writing, verbally, or in any other manner to an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement:
a. The education records of or any information about a student or a student's family or household such as personal information as defined in Civil Code 1798.3, information about a student's home, or information about a student's travel schedule without parent/guardian written consent (Education Code 234.7)
b. The personnel records of any school employee, personal information of any school employee as defined in Civil Code 1798.3, or any other confidential employee information (Education Code 234.7; Government Code 7285.2)
4. Grant permission to an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement to enter a school bus, any other transportation provided by the school, a nonpublic area of any school property or facility, or a nonpublic area where any school-sponsored program or activity is occurring (Education Code 234.7; Government Code 7285.1)

However, school staff shall not obstruct, interfere with, or otherwise impede an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement who nonetheless enters school-provided transportation, a nonpublic area of any school property or facility, or a nonpublic area where any school-sponsored program or activity is occurring.

The Director or designee shall report to the Board in a timely manner any requests by an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement for any of the following: (Education Code 234.7)

1. Education records of or any information about a student or a student's family or household
2. Personnel records of any school employee, personal information of any school employee as defined in Civil Code 1798.3, or any other confidential employee information
3. Permission to enter a school bus, any other transportation provided by the school, a nonpublic area of any school property or facility, or a nonpublic area where any school-sponsored program or activity is occurring

Such reports shall be provided in a manner that ensures the confidentiality and privacy of any potentially identifying information. (Education Code 234.7)
No student shall be denied equal rights and opportunities, nor be subjected to unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in the school's programs and activities on the basis of the student's or family's immigration status or for the refusal to provide information related to the student's or family's immigration status. (Education Code 200, 220, 234.1)

Resources and data collected by the school shall not be used, directly or by others, to compile a list, registry, or database of individuals based on national origin, immigration status, religion, or other category of individual characteristics protected against unlawful discrimination. (Government Code 8310.3)

The Director or designee shall provide parents/guardians with information and notifications as specified in Education Code 234.7, including information regarding their children's right to a free public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs and their rights related to immigration enforcement.

The Director or designee shall develop procedures for, and may provide training to staff on, interactions with an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement, including a request for any of the following:

1. Education records of or any information about a student or a student's family or household
2. Personnel records of any school employee, personal information of any school employee as defined in Civil Code 1798.3, or any other confidential employee information
3. Permission to enter a school bus, any other transportation provided by the school, a nonpublic area of any school property or facility, or a nonpublic area where any school-sponsored program or activity is occurring

Complaints alleging discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived immigration status shall be filed in accordance with the Uniform Complaint Procedures.

The director or designee shall provide to the California Department of Education, upon request and in the manner requested, copies of this policy, any associated administrative regulation, and any other Board policies and administrative regulations required by Education Code 234.7.

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