Q: What impact does undocumented immigration status have on my student’s education?
A: None. Students have a legal right to access public education regardless of their immigration status or their parents’ status. That right cannot be taken away or denied by the state or the school district.

Q: Does ASD ask for a student’s immigration status when he or she enrolls?
A: No. ASD enrolls students without inquiring about their immigration status and without discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, or national origin.

Q: Would ASD ever share a student’s immigration status with federal immigration officials?
A: No. ASD does not ask for students’ immigration status when they enroll. If ASD became aware of a student’s immigration status, ASD would not offer that information to federal immigration officials.

Q: What does ASD do to ensure that no student or family is discriminated against or harassed because of race, ethnicity, religion, or national origin?
A: ASD believes deeply in ensuring equity – it is one of the District’s core values. The Anchorage School Board has policies in place which mandate no discrimination against students, families, or employees on the base of race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, and many other protected classes.

Q: What should I do if I feel like I have been the victim of discrimination or harassment?
A: Please report the behavior immediately to a supervisor or school principal. ASD takes these complaints very seriously in order to ensure that all schools continue to be safe, inclusive and welcoming places for learning and working.

Q: Does ASD know whether there will be any immigration enforcement actions by federal officials on school grounds?
A: The federal government currently does not appear to be directing immigration officers to conduct immigration enforcement actions at schools.

Q: What should I do if I want to understand my immigration rights?
A: Only immigration attorneys can provide you with accurate advice about immigration status and other legal questions you might have.

A local option for immigration legal services is the Alaska Institute for Justice: www.akijp.org/immigration-legal-assistance.

Q: If I am a parent or guardian and I am worried about being detained while my student is at school, what should I do?
A: You may consider preparing a written family immigration emergency plan and share that plan with a trusted family friend and with your children. Contact information for these trusted adults should be shared with your student’s school. More information on how to write an emergency plan can be found at: www.nwirp.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Immigration-Safety-Plan-for-Children-and-Youth.pdf.

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