IMMIGRANT SUPPORT PLAN
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

COMPLETE PLAN TOOLKIT
2019 - 2021
MISSION STATEMENT

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PREFACE

The School District of Palm Beach County is the eleventh largest district in the country with a student enrollment of more than 193,000 students and a diverse population representing more than 150 countries, speaking a minimum of 140 languages. Our mission is to ensure that all students receive a world-class education, regardless of immigration status, religion or country of origin. Through policies and practices, we have committed to a quality education.

The Immigrant Support Plan for the School District of Palm Beach County was designed to provide resources and information to help support immigrant students and their families who live in the School District of Palm Beach County. This toolkit aims to support schools by providing information that will enable the schools to better meet the unique needs of immigrant students. As such, the toolkit includes resources regarding:

» Agencies & Programs
» Family Safety Planning Checklist
» Legal, Medical & Social Community Services
» Beyond High School & Scholarships
» Instructional Resources for Educational Leaders and Instructors

It is our sincere hope that the following information and frameworks can help institutional leaders and educators enhance their ability to successfully educate immigrant students throughout the School District of Palm Beach County in properly preparing them for higher education.

This Immigrant Support Plan includes information about immigrant legal rights and resources. Such materials are for information purposes only, and may not reflect the most current developments. These materials are not intended, and should not be taken, as legal advice on any particular set of facts or circumstances.
Agencies & Programs
DISTRICT DIVISIONS

THE DIVISION OF STUDENT WELLNESS

The Division of Student Wellness addresses the access and opportunity gaps which exist among historically underserved students. The office develops and manages services and programs to support Palm Beach County students. The work is entrenched in the desire to provide all students with necessary access to the full landscape of a high quality education. Phone: 561-649-6855

The Department of Safe Schools (Diane Wyatt, Director)

(561) 494-1591 or PX 81591

https://sites.google.com/palmbeachschools.org/safeschools/home

https://www.palmbeachschools.org/students_parents/student_safety

The Department of Behavioral and Mental Health (TBD, Director)

THE DIVISION OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Office of School Counseling

Elementary: (561) 434-8233 or PX 48233

Middle: (561) 432-6348 or PX 86348; High: (561) 434-8820 or PX 48820

Elementary, middle, and high school counselors deliver culturally responsive programs that promote student achievement, social/emotional development, and college-career readiness. One of the most important roles of the school counselor is to support all students as they reach their fullest potential through the development of learning skills, social skills, and self-management skills. School counselors do this through school-wide initiatives, classroom lessons, small group counseling, individual counseling and advisement, as well as collaboration with families, teachers, and community partners. For more information about school counseling services, contact your child’s school or the School Counseling Team at 561-432-6365.

https://hub.palmbeachschools.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=7393848&pageId=7955372

The Department of Multicultural Education (Francisco [Harvey] Oaxaca, Director)

The Department of Multicultural Education champions the civil rights for all students to be provided equitable educational opportunities. A keystone of the Department is initiating educational programs and monitoring the academic progress of English Language Learners. Through rigorous academics emphasizing critical thinking and creativity, students are prepared to effectively engage the global marketplace while embracing participatory citizenship. The Multicultural Education Department offers educational resources to help educators, administrators, and the Palm Beach community. Phone: 561-434-8620 or PX 48620.

https://www.palmbeachschools.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=6264645
The Office of African, African American, Latino, and Gender Studies (Brian Knowles, Manager)

The Office of African, African American, Latino, and Gender Studies celebrates the rich diversity across our schools through curriculum areas of: Hispanic heritage, African-American, Holocaust and women’s history. This department also focuses on additional areas of diversity, such as LGBT, Native American and Jewish history, and Haitian and American Muslim heritage. For more information, call the Office of African, African American, Latino, and Gender Studies. Phone: 561-434-8879 or PX 48879.

https://www.palmbeachschools.org/students_parents/elementary_middle_and_high_school_education/middle_and_high_school_education/subject_areas/african_gender_latino_studies

Welcome Center

In order to address the challenges faced by families with English Language Learners, the School District of Palm Beach opened a Welcome Center. The Welcome Center, comprised of bilingual/bicultural staff, opened on February 29, 2016 to facilitate the registration of language minority families. The Center assists with grade placement consultation, registrations, supports schools with transcript reviews, and coordinates health and social services such as lunch applications, bus information, and referrals to medical and dental services. The Welcome Center also collaborates with other departments, particularly for those students needing ESE and homeless information. Phone: 561-434-8197 or PX 48197.

https://www.palmbeachschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=270616&pageId=7276138

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RESOURCES

• Resource Guide: Supporting Undocumented Youth
  https://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/focus/supporting-undocumented-youth.pdf

• May 8, 2014, letter (Plyler v. Doe)
  https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201405.pdf

• Fact Sheet: Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School
  https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-factsheet-201405.pdf

• Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School: Questions and Answers for States, School Districts and Parents
  http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/qa-201405.pdf

• OCR Complaint Forms
  https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaintintro.html
• Financial Aid and Undocumented Students

• Educational Services for Immigrant Children and Those Recently Arrived to the United States

SUPPORTING IMMIGRANT STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES INFORMATION

• Protect Yourself from Immigration Raids, Know Your Rights
  https://unitedwedream.org/toolbox/

• American Federation of Teachers
  https://www.aft.org/our-community/immigration/immigration-ice-raids-end-detention-and-deportation-students-and

• Colorin’ Colorado!
  http://www.colorincolorado.org/ell-basics/serving-and-supporting-immigrant-students-information-schools

• Teaching Tolerance

• Resource Guide: Supporting Undocumented Youth
  https://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/focus/supporting-undocumented-youth.pdf

• National Education Association (NEA): Human and Civil Rights
  http://www.nea.org/home/64661.htm#i

• Ensuring Education for All Children

• Florida Immigrant Coalition
  https://floridaimmigrant.org/

• Supporting Undocumented Students and Mixed-Status Families
  https://www.gse.harvard.edu/news/uk/18/05/supporting-undocumented-students-and-mixed-status-families
Toolkit for "Immigrant and Refugee Children: A Guide for Educators and School Support Staff"

Support and affirm your immigrant students with these resources.

Introduction

"Immigrant and Refugee Children: A Guide for Educators and School Support Staff" (originally published by the American Federation of Teachers [AFT] and its partners) offers an overview of how adults who work in schools can—as individuals and as members of a community—can advocate for and protect undocumented students and families and unaccompanied minors.

This toolkit offers additional resources that can help classroom teachers make schools more welcoming places. The resources are broken into three categories: (1) classroom culture/school climate; (2) curriculum; and (3) resources for students and families.

COLORÍN COLORADO

This website, tailored specifically for educators and families of English language learners, has a special page devoted to post-election resources that can support educators in their efforts to answer questions and reassure students. The page includes links to resources that encourage conversations about: current events, election results and student concerns. It also includes a more general list of recommended resources.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS: IMMIGRATION ICE RAIDS

This page articulates the AFT’s position and offers several model resources schools can use to publically call for immigration reform. It also includes links to sites where educators can file complaints with the Office of Civil Rights and learn more about how schools must uphold the rights of their immigrant students.