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POST-ELECTION: What Educators Can Do to Support Undocumented Students

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AT YOUR INSTITUTION

Ask your individual school, district and educational system to release statements directly supporting undocumented students and circulate a petition that calls for schools to become sanctuaries

Resources

- View the petitions recently issued by [Harvard](#), [UC Berkeley](#), [Yale](#), [Arizona Community Colleges and Universities](#), [California State Universities \(CSU\)](#), [San Francisco Unified School District](#).
- Read this [article](#) that provides context to the sanctuary school movement
- Check out this [toolkit to end local collaboration with I.C.E.](#) (created by United We Dream & Immigrant Legal Resource Center).

Work with professional organizations to encourage them to pass resolutions or write letters in support of undocumented students who are being targeted

Resources

- See sample national and state organizational letters from [NASAPA](#) (National Association of Student Affairs Professionals), [AFT](#) (American Teachers Federation), [CFA](#) (California Faculty Association)

Request or organize school-wide trainings with staff, faculty and administrators about how to be an effective ally to undocumented students

Resources

- Request an [E4FC presentation for Bay Area educators](#)
- Download [useful resources, guides & powerpoints](#) to train allies
- Use E4FC's [10 Ten Ways to Support Undocumented Students](#)

Educate administrators, faculty and staff about promising institutional practices for supporting undocumented students, and advocate for the inclusion of one or more new practices

Resources

- [United We Dream Institutional Toolkit](#)
- E4FC's [UndocuCollege Guide and Equity Tool: California](#)

Publicize and expand financial support to help undocumented students, regardless of DACA eligibility, at the undergraduate and graduate level

Resources

- Check out [E4FC's Scholarships That Don't Require Proof of Citizenship](#)
- Check out [The Dream.US](#), a national scholarship to support undocumented students
- Check out [Loyola University's Scholarship](#), one university's model scholarship created through their student government
- Check out San Francisco State University's [School-Based Emergency Loan Programs](#)

Work with community partners and professional schools to create potential partnerships with law schools, social work programs, high schools, community colleges, as well as faculty mentors & alumni

Resources

- [UC-Wide Legal Support for Undocumented Students](#)
- [California Rural Legal Assistance](#)

WITH UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Encourage students and families to investigate their potential immigration remedies

Resources

- E4FC's [Dreamer Intake Service](#): Undocumented young people nationwide can get a free, online "immigration check-up" and see if they qualify for any immigration options
- [Immigration Law Help](#): National database of reputable non-profit legal service providers

Make sure DACA recipients are aware of specific recommendations regarding renewals and advance parole requests

Resources

- E4FC's [What We Know Now & What Our Community Can Do Now](#)
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center's [Latest in DACA](#)
- UC Berkeley's [Important Tips on Advance Parole](#)

Remind students & their families that state and federal laws providing access to K-12 and higher education have not changed since the election

Resources

- [State laws regarding access to higher education](#) are not directly impacted by the election
- [U.S Supreme Court](#) has affirmed that K-12 students cannot be denied access to a public education on account of their immigration status

Make sure undocumented people KNOW THEIR RIGHTS! Everyone has certain basic rights, according to the U.S. constitution, no matter who is president

Resources

- [Know Your Rights](#) (English & Spanish) (National Immigrant Law Center)
- [Know Your Rights Card](#) (Immigrant Legal Resource Center)
- [Know Your Rights During Immigration Raids](#) (National Immigration Project)

Encourage families to develop a safety plan that includes child care, centralized contact information, and an emergency meeting location

Resources

- FEMA's [Family Emergency Communication Plan](#) provides clear steps to collect and share all necessary information within the family, including guidelines to practice!
- Ready.Gov created an [Emergency Communication Plan](#) to prepare your family in case of an emergency

Let undocumented students know you're an ally by displaying visuals showing support; don't press them to come out or respond

Resources

- E4FC ["You're Not Alone" poster](#) (download and print)
- E4FC ["Undocumented Students Can Go to College" poster](#) (order)
- United We Dream [Educator Coming Out Poster](#) (download and print)

Listen deeply to your students and validate their feelings; don't rush to problem-solve or reassure students; do provide them a safe space to process their feelings

Resources

- Use these [suggestions for facilitators](#) to create a safe space for dialogue
- Read this important article/roadmap [From Safe Spaces to Brave Spaces](#)

Host and/or attend community events to create safe spaces and process emotions through art, storytelling, community-building activities or speakers

Resources

- Request an E4FC [presentation for Bay Area undocumented students, educators, and parents](#)
- Find amazing art & stories by undocumented young people at [Things I'll Never Say](#)

ON AN INDIVIDUAL LEVEL

Take time to process your own emotions and practice self-care so you're able to be fully present to conversations with students & families in the days ahead

Resources

- [4 Self-Care Resources for Activists](#) by Colorlines offers some great suggestions
- [Begin Within](#) by Teaching Tolerance provides educator strategies to effectively help students navigate race, racism, and current events in the classroom

Connect with educators throughout your state and across the nation to learn more about effective strategies, resources and campaigns educators and undocumented students are taking to increase success in higher education

Resources

- [United We Dream Network](#)
- E4FC's [Facebook page](#)

Research state and national policies on immigration and education so you can share reliable information with your students

Resources

- [National Forum in Higher Education for Public Good](#) & the ULead Network identify state policies about access to education & financial aid for undocumented students
- [My Undocumented Life Blog](#) provides up-to-date information and resources to undocumented immigrants
- [National Immigration Law Center](#) (NILC) is exclusively dedicated to defending and advancing the rights of low-income immigrants
- [Immigrant Legal Resource Center](#) provides legal trainings, educational materials, and advocacy to advance immigrant rights

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