



INNOVATIVE, SOCIALLY AWARE, NETWORK OF ACHIEVERS

ISANA Academies - A Network of Tuition-Free Public Charter Schools

Friday, January 17, 2025

Dear ISANA Community,

We recognize the growing uncertainty among immigrant families due to the threats of increased immigration enforcement and mass deportations. We want to reaffirm ISANA's deep commitment to providing an environment where every member of the ISANA community, regardless of their background or immigration status, feels welcome, protected, and valued.

ISANA Academies are Safe Havens for all of our students, staff, and families. The ISANA Board of Directors passed a resolution affirming our schools as Safe Havens on February 5, 2017, and reaffirmed this on December 13, 2024. As Safe Havens, unless required by law or court order:

- ISANA will not discuss or disclose a stakeholder's immigration status with a law enforcement officer, including ICE.
- ISANA will not assist a law enforcement officer with inquiries related to immigration status or immigration matters related to students, staff, or families.
- ISANA will not share any student information with a law enforcement officer, including, but not limited to, student addresses, country of origin, English learner status, social security numbers, passport copies, etc.
- ISANA will not grant a law enforcement officer permission to access school grounds for the purpose of engaging in immigration-related investigation or enforcement.
- ISANA will notify the family if a law enforcement officer requests access to a student or student records for immigration-related investigation or enforcement.

ISANA Academies are inclusive schools for all students. ISANA prohibits any form of unlawful discrimination, intimidation, or harassment. All students are welcome at ISANA and will continue to have equal access to a safe school environment regardless of their immigration status.

We understand that these times may bring worry and concern for some families. Please know that ISANA is here for you. Our priority is to create a nurturing and inclusive environment where every student can thrive, free from fear.

We encourage you to read in full [Know Your Immigration Rights](#) guidance provided by the California Attorney General.

- You have the right to apply for and secure housing without sharing your immigration status.
- You have the right to access emergency medical care.
- You have the right to an attorney.
- State and local law enforcement cannot ask for your immigration status.
- State and local law enforcement cannot share your personal information.
- State and local law enforcement cannot assist ICE with immigration enforcement, with very limited exceptions.

Thank you for being such an important part of our community. Together, we will continue to foster an environment of respect, love, safety, and opportunity for everyone.

Together we shine!

CEO, ISANA Academies

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We are sharing a list of resources in both Spanish and English to help keep our families and community informed and prepared. Knowledge is power, so we encourage you to review the following information.

- ISANA Board of Directors Resolution: <https://coms.isana.org/SafeHavensResolution>
- California Attorney General, Know Your Rights guidance: oag.ca.gov/immigrant/resources
- ACLU Sanctuary Schools Toolkit: <https://www.aclusocal.org/sanctuary-toolkit>
- ACLU We have rights videos: [We Have Rights](#)
- ACLU Know Your Rights | Students' Rights: [Know Your Rights](#) | [Students' Rights](#) | [ACLU](#)
- My School Rights: <https://www.myschoolmyrights.com/> |
- California Charter Schools Association (CCSA) Safe Spaces Support Center: <https://info.ccsa.org/safe-spaces>
- Immigration Engagement Teammate Facing Toolkit : [Aspire Teammate Facing Immigration Toolkit 2025.pdf - Google Drive](#)