



Guidance for Law Enforcement Interactions

Alachua County Public Schools (ACPS) is committed to educating all students while complying with School Board policies and state and federal laws. In light of recent changes to immigration enforcement protocols in schools, the district is providing the following guidance for school-based administrators, who are designated to interact with law enforcement officers on campus:

Student Access to Public Education: In accordance with federal law and [School Board Policy 5120.02](#), ACPS does not request or maintain information regarding a student's immigration status.

Release of Student Records: Federal and state law, along with [School Board Policy 8330—Student Records](#), prohibit the release of student records without one of the following:

- Written parental consent
- A subpoena, warrant, or court order
- A health or safety emergency

This applies to all law enforcement agencies, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Student Interviews and Removal from School: [School Board Policy 5540—Student Interviews and Contact](#) outlines procedures related to the interviewing or removal of students by law enforcement officers and representatives of the Department of Children and Families.

Under federal law, ICE agents have broad authority to enforce federal immigration law, including interviewing and removing students with or without a warrant.

If a law enforcement officer seeks to interview or remove a student, school administrators will:

- Request identification from the law enforcement officer
- Request to make copies of any warrants, subpoenas, or judicial orders
- Request permission to contact the student's parent before or after an interview/removal
- Request that the administrator retrieve the student
- Request to be present during the student interview
- Request that the law enforcement officer complete the district's [Release of Student to Outside Agency](#) form if a student is removed from campus

For all district employees:

Compliance with Law Enforcement: All district employees must comply with directives from law enforcement officers. Failure to do so may result in legal consequences, including arrest for tampering with, interfering with or obstructing a law enforcement investigation or law enforcement official.