

Safe Zone Resolution

EL SOL SCIENCE AND ARTS ACADEMY

BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, it is the right of every child, regardless of immigration status, to access a free public K-12 education based on *Plyler v. Doe* (1982), and El Sol Science and Arts Academy welcomes and supports all students;

WHEREAS, federal immigration law enforcement activities, on or around El Sol Science and Arts Academy property and transportation routes, harmfully disrupt the learning environment to which all students are entitled; and

WHEREAS, through its policies and practices, the El Sol Science and Arts Academy has made a commitment to a quality education for all students, which includes a safe and stable learning environment, means of transportation to and from school sites, the preservation of classroom hours for educational instruction, and the requirement of school attendance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board declares the El Sol Science and Arts Academy to be a Safe Zone for its students, meaning that the El Sol Science and Arts Academy is a place for students to learn, to thrive, and to seek assistance, information, and support related to any immigration law enforcement that interferes with their learning experience;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in its continued commitment to the protection of student privacy, the El Sol Science and Arts Academy shall review its record-keeping policies and practices to ensure that no data is being collected with respect to students' immigration status or place of birth; and cease any such collection as it is irrelevant to the educational enterprise and potentially discriminatory;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any request by ICE or other agencies to visit the school site should be presented to the Executive Director's Office for review to determine whether access to the site is permitted by law, a judicial warrant is required, or any other legal considerations apply. This review should be made expeditiously but before any immigration law enforcement agent or officer appears at the school site;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby prohibits discrimination, harassment, or bullying on the basis of immigration status. Policies against bullying, intimidation, or discrimination of any student, including immigrant students and/or English Learner students, will be strictly enforced;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Executive Director to develop a plan for training teachers, administrators, and other educational staff on how to uphold the educational rights of immigrant students, respond to immigration-related issues, and support the principles of the Safe Zone;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that El Sol Science and Arts Academy encourages school leaders to increase and enhance partnerships with community-based organizations and legal services organizations that provide resources for students and families in navigating challenges related to their immigration status, such as facing deportation proceedings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the El Sol Science and Arts Academy will review this resolution annually and make necessary adjustments to ensure its effectiveness and continued support of immigrant students.

**ACCESS TO EDUCATION, STUDENT PRIVACY, AND
IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**

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WHEREAS, it is the right of every child, regardless of immigration status, to access a free public K-12 education based on *Plyler v. Doe* (1982) and the El Sol Science and Arts Academy welcomes and supports all students;

WHEREAS, federal immigration law enforcement activities, on or around El Sol Science and Arts Academy property and transportation routes, whether by surveillance, interview, demand for information, arrest, detention, or any other means, harmfully disrupt the learning environment to which all students, regardless of immigration status, are entitled and significantly interfere with the ability of all students, including U.S. citizen students and students who hold other legal grounds for presence in the U.S., to access a free public K-12 education;

WHEREAS, through its policies and practices, the El Sol Science and Arts Academy has made a commitment to a quality education for all students, which includes a safe and stable learning environment, means of transportation to and from school sites, the preservation of classroom hours for educational instruction, and the requirement of school attendance;

WHEREAS, parents and students have expressed to the El Sol Science and Arts Academy fear and confusion about the continued physical and emotional safety of all students and the right to access a free public K-12 education through El Sol Science and Arts Academy schools and programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board declares the El Sol Science and Arts Academy to be a Safe Zone for its students, meaning that the El Sol Science and Arts Academy is a place for students to learn, to thrive and to seek assistance, information, and support related to any immigration law enforcement that interferes with their learning experience;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the U.S. Immigrations Enforcement Office (ICE), state or local law enforcement agencies acting on behalf of ICE, or agents or officers for any federal, state, or local agency attempting to enforce federal immigration laws, are to follow El Sol Science and Arts Academy Policy ____, attached to and incorporated in this Resolution, to ensure the El Sol Science and Arts Academy meets its duty to provide all students, regardless of immigration status, access to a free public K-12 education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it continues to be the policy of the El Sol Science and Arts Academy not to allow any individual or organization to enter a school site if the educational setting would be disrupted by that visit; given the likelihood of substantial disruption posed by the presence of ICE or state or local law enforcement agencies acting for ICE, any request by ICE or other agencies to visit a school site should be presented to the Executive Director's Office for review as to whether access to the site is permitted by law, a judicial warrant is required, or any other legal considerations apply; this review should be made expeditiously, but before any immigration law enforcement agent or officer appears at a school site;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in its continued commitment to the protection of student privacy, the El Sol Science and Arts Academy shall review its record-keeping policies and practices to ensure that no data is being collected with respect to students' immigration status or place of birth; and cease any such collection as it is irrelevant to the educational enterprise and potentially discriminatory;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, should ICE or other immigration law enforcement agents request any student information, the request should be referred to the Executive Director's Office to ensure compliance with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), student constitutional privacy, standards for a judicial warrant, and any other limitation on disclosure; this review should be conducted expeditiously, but before any production of information is made;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board hereby prohibits discrimination, harassment or bullying on the basis of immigration status. Policies against bullying, intimidation, or discrimination of any student, including immigrant students and/or English Learner students will be strictly enforced;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the board directs the Executive Director develop a plan for training teachers, administrators, and other educational staff on upholding the educational rights of immigrant students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, El Sol Science and Arts Academy encourages the school leaders increase and enhance partnerships with community-based organizations and legal services organizations that provide resources for students and families in navigating challenges related to their immigration status, such as facing deportations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, El Sol Science and Arts Academy will review this resolution annually and make necessary adjustments to ensure its effectiveness and continued support of immigrant students.

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