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The Latino Legal Voice for Civil Rights in America.

IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT IN SCHOOLS

What You Need to Know:

- There is longstanding constitutional protection against immigration enforcement at public schools.
- In [*Plyler v. Doe*](#), a case brought by MALDEF, the Supreme Court made access to a free, public education a constitutional right regardless of a student's immigration status.
- Immigration enforcement activity at a school would be a violation of the U.S. Constitution because it would deny the right to attend school regardless of immigration status.
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) cannot engage in activities that discourage students from attending school.
- MALDEF urges parents to send their kids to school. If they do not, the incoming administration will succeed in denying their children's constitutional rights.

Having won *Plyler*, MALDEF is committed to defending it.

If parents learn of any immigration enforcement activity at a school, they should contact MALDEF immediately at 213.629.2512 x141 or info@maldef.org.