

Safe School Policies in California

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Existing Policies:

- [California Values Act \(SB 54\)](#) - Prohibits local law enforcement agencies, ranging from sheriffs, police departments, and school police, from enforcing federal immigration laws. A KYR factsheet on this law is linked [here](#).
- [AB 699](#) - enacted in 2017, this bill focused on protecting immigrant students in California. It mandates that schools must adopt policies to ensure that all students, regardless of immigration status, are provided with a safe and inclusive environment.
- [2024 Attorney General Guidance](#) - this updated guidance was published by California's Attorney General on Dec 2024 in accordance with AB 699. It provides guidance and model policies to assist California's K-12 schools in responding to immigration issues such as updated recommendations for schools to enhance safety and security measures.

Emerging Safe Schools Policies - Legislation in California:

- [SB48 Safe Zones Around Schools Act \(Gonzalez\)](#) - This bill is sponsored by State Superintendent Tony Thurmond, CTF AFT, and AFL-CIO; includes an urgency statute
 - **Bill status: Signed by Governor on October 7, 2025**
- [AB49 California Safe Haven Schools Act \(Muratsuchi\)](#) - co-sponsored by AAAJ and CHIRLA; includes an urgency statute
 - AB 49 regulates the entry of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers into school sites, ensuring that specific protocols are followed before ICE officers can gain entry
 - Applies to public K-12 schools
 - Emphasizes student safety and right to education
 - Limits access to areas where students are not present
 - **Bill status: Signed by Governor on September 20, 2025**

- [SB 98 \(Pérez D.\)](#) Elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education: immigration enforcement: notification
 - Seeks to enhance transparency and notification protocols regarding the presence of immigration officers on educational campuses in California. The bill requires the governing bodies of local educational agencies and institutions of higher education to notify students, their parents and guardians, teachers, and other specified school community members when immigration enforcement activity is confirmed on the school site or campus.
 - **Bill status: Signed by Governor on September 20, 2025**
- [AB 419 \(Connolly\)](#) - Educational equity: immigration enforcement.
 - Requires the governing board or body of a local educational agency to post the “Know Your Educational Rights” guide developed by the Attorney General in the administrative buildings and on the website of the local educational agency and at each of its schoolsites, including in each language other than English that the school is required to translate documents into pursuant to existing law.
 - **Bill status:**
 - Last Amended: 09/04/2025
 - Status: 09/11/2025 - Senate amendments concurred in. To Engrossing and Enrolling.
 - Location: Governor
- [AB 495 Family Preparedness Plan Act of 2025 \(Rodriguez\)](#) - co-sponsored by Alliance for Children’s Rights and Public Counsel; includes an urgency statute
 - Expanded Caregiver Authorization: Allows “nonrelative extended family members” to execute caregiver authorization affidavits. Affidavits remain valid until rescinded or up to one year after execution.
 - Joint Guardianship: Permits courts to appoint joint guardianship between a custodial parent and a nominated individual if the parent faces immigration-related administrative action.
 - Child Care Provision: This bill prohibits licensed child care facilities from collecting information about the immigration or citizenship status of children or their family members, except where legally required. It also requires facilities to report any immigration enforcement activity to the state while protecting family privacy, and to adopt model policies—developed by the Attorney General—limiting cooperation with immigration enforcement by July 1, 2026. Parents must be informed of

these policies at enrollment, along with guidance on family safety planning and emergency contact updates.

- **Bill status:**
 - Last Amended: 09/05/25
 - Status: 09/16/25- Enrolled measure version corrected.
 - Location: Governor
- Other proposed bills:
 - [AB 695](#) by Assemblymember Mike Fong would allow community college students who get deported to keep paying in-state tuition to attend class online.
 - **Bill status: Vetoed by Governor on 10/03/25**
 - [AB 1348](#) by Assemblymember Jasmeet Bains would ensure schools don't lose funding if attendance drops due to federal immigration raids.
 - **Bill status:**
 - Last Amended: 08/29/25
 - Status: 09/16/25 Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 2 p.m.
 - Location: Governor
 - [SB 307](#) by Sen. Sabrina Cervantes aims to ensure deported students' grades and academic standing are not impacted by their absence.
 - **Bill status:**
 - Last Amended: 06/26/2025
 - Status: 09/11/25 Assembly amendments concurred in. (Ayes 40. Noes 0.) Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.
 - Location: Governor

Emerging Safe Schools Policies - Federal Legislation

The Protecting Sensitive Locations Act of 2025: Prohibits immigration enforcement actions within 1,000 feet of designated sensitive locations, except under exigent circumstances. These sensitive locations include: health care facilities, schools, places of worship, and more. This legislation was reintroduced in response to the Trump Administration's January 2025 rescission of the previous "protected areas" policy, which limited immigration enforcement actions in such sensitive locations since 2011.

- **More information:**
 - **Link to the [Senate Bill here](#)** - Cosponsors by 25 members of the U.S. Senate
 - **Link to the [House Bill here](#)** - Cosponsors by 77 members of the U.S. House of Representatives

- **Factsheet and Endorsements:** A factsheet on the bill and list of over 650 endorsing organizations can be [found here](#).
- **Current Calls to Action:**
 - **Endorsement:** If your organization would like to endorse the legislation you can join using [the form here](#).
 - **Urge Members of Congress to Cosponsor the legislation:** If your Member of Congress is not represented on the list of cosponsors already, please reach out to them and urge them to support this important legislation which codifies protections for immigrants and their families!
- **Status Update:** The bill has not yet been scheduled for hearings, reported out of committee, or moved to floor votes in either chamber.