

Resources for Immigrant Students



English as a Second Language

Most immigrant children struggle with learning a new language, many children are bullied and struggle. Learning a different language is difficult, and it's even more difficult when students don't have the proper resources. Teachers teach with the assumption that students understand the language, however, what could help students who are learning English is for teachers to teach their curriculum as if everyone was learning English. This will in turn allow the teachers to teach everyone the same way while providing additional help to students who are learning the language.

Here are additional resources for teachers and children:



Starfall

[Starfall](#)

Starfall is a free public service that teaches students how to read, the activities also align with Individual and Common Core State Standards. Starfall is a great interactive resource for students who are learning to read and helps with basic fluency skills.



The International Children's Digital Library Foundation

[International Children's Digital Library](#)

In many cases, parents of immigrant children leave behind books and stories from their culture. In turn, their children have little access to learn about their own culture. The International Children's Digital Library Foundation is a free digital library with the goal to build a library that represents books from around the world.

Social and Emotional Learning

Immigrant students may feel isolated due to the language barrier. That's why teachers and school staff need to be able to identify migrant students with social difficulties. The collaborative for

Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) works to make evidence-based social and emotional learning an integral part of education.

[Educational Resources for Immigrants, Refugees, Asylees and other New Americans](#)



Resources for Undocumented Youth

Undocumented youth experience high levels of stress. Some factors include immigration-related and academic issues. One study states that the most significant stressor is the fear of deportation and family separation. In 2014, the U.S. Department of Education alongside the U.S. Department of Justice published a joint guidance letter on Federal law. It requires states and school districts to provide equal access to public education regardless of their or their parents' race, national origin, color, or immigration status. Schools require proof of residency within the school district of the enrolled student. Documents such as phone and water bills, lease agreements, and affidavits can be used as proof of residency in the school district. School districts may not ask about the citizenship status or immigration status of the adult enrolling the child, or of the child being enrolled.

For additional information, please visit these resource guides from the U.S. Department of Education:

- [Resource Guide: Supporting Undocumented Youth](#)
- [Information on the Rights of Unaccompanied Children to Enroll in School and Participate Meaningfully and Equally in Educational Programs](#)
- [Educational Resources for Immigrants, Refugees, Asylees and other New Americans](#)

Resources for DACA/Dreamers

[College Guide for DACA and Undocumented Students | BestColleges](#)



CitizenPath - DACA Resource Center

[DACA Resource Center for Dreamers | CitizenPath](#)

This resource offers a comprehensive guide to DACA, including a breakdown of paths to legal status, instructions on replacing a DACA card, and answers to frequently asked questions. CitizenPath also offers guidance on filling out DACA applications.



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

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[Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals \(DACA\) | USCIS](#)

This site provides the most official information that you can find on DACA. Visit this page to learn about the filling process and how to access forms.



CAL State - Resources for Undocumented Students

[DACA Updates | CSU](#)

You do not need to attend school in the California State University system to access these resources, which includes the latest DACA news, legal support services, campus support, admissions process, financial aid, and communications and guidance.



UC Berkeley - DACA Guide

[What is DACA? - Undocumented Student Program](#)

This guide breaks down DACA in an easy-to-understand manner and provides step-by-step instructions on how students can apply for and renew their DACA status.



Annotated Initial DACA Application Packet

[Annotated Initial DACA Application Packet | Immigrant Legal Resource Center | ILRC](#)

Published by the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, this annotated application packet gives advice by directly adding helpful notes to the application form.

Scholarship Information for Students Regardless of Immigration Status

Scholarships.com - Uncodumented/TPS/DACA Scholarhsips

[Undocumented/TPS/DACA Scholarships](#)

This website provides information relating to nineteen different scholarships available for students who are Undocumented/TPS/DACA.

College Resources for Undocumented Students



United We Dream

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United We Dream empowers young immigrants in the U.S., regardless of immigration status. The group's education equity program offers training for undocumented students on how to navigate the educational system.



Big Future

[6 Things Undocumented Students Need to Know About College](#)

The College Board runs Big Future – a college planning site that publishes several articles specifically for undocumented students in college. Students can learn how to apply for and apply for college with their immigration status.



The Dream.US

[TheDream.US](#)

Dreamers who arrived in the U.S. before November 2015 can apply for TheDream.US program, which offers scholarship and mentorship opportunities for incoming college students.



Immigrants Rising

[Immigrants Rising](#)

This organization helps undocumented students obtain a college education. Immigrants Rising provides financial support and legal advice that students can access anonymously.



Repository of Resources for Undocumented Students

[Repository of Resources for Undocumented Students 2012](#)

This guide breaks down what students need to know about laws regarding undocumented students in 11 states. It also links to specific resources in each state.

Resources for Parents of Undocumented Students

LawHelp.org

Immigration Advocates Network

[Immigration Law Help](#)

Visit the Immigration Advocates Network's national directory of over 950 free or low-cost immigration legal services in all 50 states.



Ready California

[Immigration Services](#)

For families located in California, Ready California is a statewide collaborative service provider that families can use for community education or legal services workshops.