

The Rights of Immigrant Students and English Learners in Tennessee Public Schools

Resources Guide for the 2023 Federal Programs Institute

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Agenda for Keynote Address

- I. Overview of the Issues
- II. Fears of Immigrant Parents and Those Not Fluent in English; Building Bridges
- III. Basic Principles and Definitions
- IV. Right to Attend Free Public School: Plyler v. Doe
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- VI. Enrollment: Immigration Documents, Birth Certificates, Immunizations, and Other Issues
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Resources

- **General Enrollment**
 - [School Opening Alert; Llamada Urgente](#)
 - Tennessee Code Annotated
 - [49-6-3001](#). General provisions; definitions
 - [49-6-3005](#). Compulsory attendance; excuse
 - [49-6-3009](#). Crimes and penalties — educational neglect; progressive truancy plans; referrals to juvenile court
 - [34-6-302](#). Temporary care-giving authority; hardships; definition
 - [34-6-303](#). Execution of instrument
 - [34-6-304](#). Authorized function; caregiver rights, duties, and responsibilities; fraudulent school enrollment
 - [34-6-305](#). Legal custody
 - [34-6-309](#). Change in residence
 - [49-6-5101](#). Personal identification numbers; parents or guardians in the military or reserves; database; access
 - [49-6-5104](#). Student lists; department of education
 - [49-6-5105](#). Student information; use; confidential or privileged information
 - [49-6-5106](#). Enrollment in name on birth certificate; name change
 - Tennessee State Board of Education
 - [Chapter 0520-01-02](#) District and School Operations
- **Immunizations**
 - Tennessee Code Annotated
 - [49-6-5001](#). General provisions
 - [49-6-5002](#). Certificate and certification
 - [49-6-5003](#). Hepatitis B immunization; reports; promulgation of rules
 - Tennessee Department of Health
 - [1200-14-01.29](#) Immunization against certain diseases prior to school attendance in Tennessee
- **School Meals**
 - United States Department of Agriculture: Food and Nutrition Service
 - [School Meals: Translated Applications](#)
 - [Prototype Household Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals](#)
- **Language Rights Issues**
 - [Overview](#)
 - United States Departments of Justice and Education
 - [Information for Limited English Proficient \(LEP\) Parent and Guardians and for Schools and School Districts that Communicate with Them](#)
 - Migrant Legal Action Program, Inc.
 - [The Legal Requirement for School Districts to Translate/Interpret for Parents Who Do Not Speak English](#)
 - Tennessee Department of Education

- [Third Grade Promotion FAQs](#)
 - Tennessee State Board of Education
 - [Chapter 0520-01-19](#) English as a Second Language Programs
- **Special Education**
 - Migrant Legal Action Program, Inc.
 - [Special Education and English Learners](#)
- **Post-Secondary Education**
 - Migrant Legal Action Program, Inc.
 - [Access to Post-Secondary Education for Immigrant Students](#)
- **Protected Areas**
 - United States Department of Homeland Security
 - [Memorandum: Guidelines for Enforcement Actions in or Near Protected Areas](#)