Federal Immigration Officials on Campus

Know What to Do

If a federal immigration official is on campus and requests access to student information, access to district records or entrance to a facility:

Do Not Panic



Ask for Identification

Ask the official to identify themselves by their name, identification number, and agency.

Notify the Vice President of Student Services

Contact the Vice President of Student Services at 562-860-2451, Ext. 2236, 2223 or 2204 during regular office hours. After hours, contact Campus Police at 562-924-3618.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I release student information to law enforcement officials?

Not without official district permission from the Vice President of Student Services. Student information is governed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which protects student data.

Will the Cerritos College Campus Police Department enforce federal immigration laws?

No. The District's Resolution No. #16-1207E states unless required by law or California Education Code, Cerritos College will:

- Not enter into agreements with law enforcement agencies or federal departments for the enforcement of federal immigration law
- Not honor immigration hold requests
- Not contact, detain, question or arrest individuals solely on the basis of declared or suspected immigration status

Cerritos College will continue to respect and support the California Trust Act, which does not allow minor infractions to

trigger deportations. The Cerritos College Board of Trustees will continue to work at all levels of government to advocate for the rights of our diverse student population to obtain a quality education.

Since Cerritos College is an open campus, can law enforcement officials access all areas of campus without permission?

No. Although Cerritos College is a public institution, there are areas on campus that have limited access, including classrooms, locked offices or areas marked as "authorized personnel" that cannot be accessed without official District permission.

Are there different rules for international students?

No. Campus policies also pertain to international students.



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