



WHERE DIFFERENCES ARE OUR STRENGTH

Policy on Handling ICE and Law Enforcement Inquiries

In response to recent presidential orders concerning the deportation of individuals without U.S. citizenship, Town & Country School has adopted measures to safeguard our community. Please review and adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Authority of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

ICE now has the authority to enter public spaces that were previously protected, such as churches, hospitals, and schools, to detain individuals suspected of being in the country illegally.

○ Public Areas vs. Private Areas:

- *Public areas* are accessible to the public and open to all.
- *Private areas* are owned by individuals or entities, with access restricted to those without explicit permission. The distinction lies in who has the right to access the space.

2. Classroom Security

- Keep classroom doors closed and locked during the day to maintain privacy and security.
- An open door implies a lack of reasonable expectation of privacy, so ensure doors remain secure.
- Therefore, classrooms remain private space.

3. If Law Enforcement Requests Entry

- If a police officer, ICE agent, or any uniformed officer requests entry into Town & Country School:
 - Immediately contact an administrator before granting access.
 - Administrators will verify the presence of a legitimate purpose or valid warrant.
- If a valid purpose or warrant is presented:
 - Administration will retrieve the individual in question.
 - Students will be advised not to speak with officers unless a parent is present.

- Parents will be contacted immediately if any uniformed officer or court representative asks to see a minor.
- The administration will serve as the child's advocate until the parents are present. No permissions will be given until parents are present. We are only there to preserve their rights as individuals.

4. Limitations on ICE Access

- ICE agents will not be permitted to walk freely through the school building.
- Every effort will be made to contact the student's family, promptly.

5. School Policy on Immigration Data

- Town & Country School does not collect or maintain information regarding the immigration status of students or families.
- Our mission remains the same: Town & Country School's mission is to improve the lives of students with learning differences by providing a nurturing environment for academic, social, and personal growth. Immigration status plays no role in our mission.

These measures aim to ensure the safety and rights of all members of our school community. Thank you for your cooperation.