

YOUR AND YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION RIGHTS IN THE U.S.

- **Your child has the right to go to public school for free**, regardless of your or your child's immigration status and without delay.
- If you do not have the documents that schools require for your child to go to school, the school should work with you to get them or use the information that you have. For example, if you do not have your child's birth certificate, the school can accept a written statement from you stating your child's date of birth.
- If English is not your child's first language, **schools must provide language support and services so that your child can learn**. If your child also has a disability, the school must provide both special education services AND language support/services.
- **If your child finds learning difficult because they have a disability your child may have the right to additional support and services at school**. You can ask the school to test your child for special education services. The school must test your child in the language that best shows your child's skills and knowledge.
- The school **must use a qualified interpreter** when they need to speak with you. And the school **must translate all the documents** you need from them into your language (at no cost to you).
- **It is illegal for schools to have different rules for you or your child because of the country you come from**. This law includes students and parents who do not have documents.

Our Free Multilingual Helpline is here to help:

617-357-8431

Call us to discuss concerns with school enrollment, special education, English language education, language access, and more.

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