



ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE YOUTH & PARENTS

Though English learners, immigrants and refugee students have the same rights as all students, they often face more barriers to accessing public education.

English learners and immigrant students have the right to:

- attend public schools that are safe and welcoming
- receive English language instruction to overcome language barriers
- receive supports & modifications in their classes
- receive special education services that considers each student's native language
- participate in extracurricular activities, advanced classes, & career-technical programs.

Parents with limited English proficiency have the right to receive information about their child's education in a language they understand. Schools must provide interpreters and translations.

ELC IS AVAILABLE TO HELP

Education Law Center (ELC) has a new lawyer focusing on the rights of students who are immigrants, refugees or English learners, and parents who do not speak fluent English.

Please contact **Sophia Tan, Independence Foundation Public Interest Law Fellow**, at **215-346-6904** or stan@elc-pa.org, for help to

- Advocate for students in public schools on issues including
 - School discipline: suspension, expulsion, or transfer to an alternative disciplinary program (AEDY)
 - Enrollment or program placement
 - Bullying or harassment
 - English as a second language (ESL) instruction
 - Special education needs or learning support
 - Discrimination or unequal access to programs
- Provide trainings to parents or others working with youth on the rights of immigrant/refugee or EL students and the rights of their parents in schools.

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