

Some school districts are including language in their enrollment notices, like:

- “The XYZ Independent School District does not prevent students from enrolling if a Social Security card is not presented. The Social Security Number is used for identification purposes when reporting student information to the Texas Education Agency. The campus will assign a computer generated number when a card is not presented.”
- “Providing a Social Security card or number is optional. The XYZ Independent School District will not refuse enrollment of any student opting not to provide a Social Security card/number. In lieu, a state identification number will be provided for educational purposes only.”
- “If the student does not have a Social Security number, XYZ ISD will assign a Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) number. No student may be denied enrollment solely because of failure to meet the documentation requirements. Enrollment is provisional, however, pending receipt of the required documentation and verification of eligibility.”



Not only should undocumented students not be discouraged from attending, they are required to attend school under the state’s compulsory education laws. And parents should be assured that the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* restricts schools from sharing information with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.