



## Student Privacy, Immigration, and Law Enforcement Policies

EYSO is committed to supporting the full participation, as well as the safety and security, of all students and their families. Federal policies related to immigration enforcement have caused concern for many in our communities. While we believe enforcement actions at EYSO rehearsals, performances, or other official programs are highly unlikely, the following policies established in consultation with Elgin Community College will guide EYSO actions and response.

All EYSO students are enrolled students of Elgin Community College, and they are protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). This federal statute protects and prevents the release of all student records (unless consented to by a parent/guardian or required by federal court order), including:

- Enrollment Information
- Attendance Information
- Student whereabouts

If an immigration or other law enforcement official comes to an EYSO rehearsal, performance, or other program, EYSO leadership will immediately:

- Require them to wait outside of the rehearsal space
- Notify Elgin Community College Police and the College's General Counsel's Office
- Notify parents

EYSO:

- **DOES NOT** collect any information pertaining to a student's or their family members' immigration or citizenship status.
- **WILL NOT** coordinate with federal immigration enforcement agencies, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- **DOES NOT** share student records with anyone, including ICE or any other federal representatives, unless consented to by the student's parent/guardian, or required to by a court order signed by a federal judge.
- **WILL NOT** allow ICE agents or any other federal representatives access to EYSO facilities unless they produce a criminal judicial warrant signed by a federal judge.

A list of community resources and agencies is available on [ECC's website](#) (click "Immigration Legal Assistance" to filter).