



PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Dear Families,

You may have heard of changes to the federal Public Charge rule which will take effect on October 15, 2019. The term Public Charge is used in immigration law to refer to a person who is primarily dependent on the government for support. The changes to the existing rule will now make it more difficult to apply for permanent residency or earn a visa if an applicant is dependent on government aid such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), housing assistance, and Medicaid.

I want to ensure that you know that K–12 public education is not impacted by the Public Charge rule. Neither is your child’s ability to receive nutritious meals and snacks, before, during, and after school. All of the 6.2 million students in California’s public schools are allowed to participate in the school nutrition program available at their school site, and participation in the nutrition program does not impact immigration status.

It is important that all parents continue to complete meal applications and other forms requested by your child’s school.

Our school nutrition programs play a vital role in ensuring that students are eating nutritious meals that can help them concentrate during the school day and reach their full academic potential.

For more information, please visit the California Department of Education’s Safe Havens Initiative webpage at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/in/safehavens.asp>. If you have questions, please contact our Food & Nutrition Services Department at (626) 396-5850.

Sincerely,

Liz Powell

Director of Food Services

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Estimadas familias:

Probablemente se hayan enterado de los cambios a la Norma de Carga Pública que entrarán en vigor el 15 de octubre de 2019. El término "carga pública" se usa en la ley de migración para referirse a una persona que depende principalmente del gobierno para recibir apoyo. Los cambios a la norma actual dificultarán aún más hacer una solicitud de residencia permanente u obtener una visa si el solicitante depende de la ayuda del gobierno, como el Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria (SNAP, por sus siglas en inglés), Asistencia Temporal para Familias Necesitadas (TANF, por sus siglas en inglés), asistencia para la vivienda y Medicaid.

Quiero asegurarme de que sepan que la educación pública desde el kindergarten hasta la secundaria no se verá afectada por la Norma de Carga Pública. Además, sus hijos podrán seguir recibiendo comidas y botanas nutritivas antes, durante y después de la jornada escolar. Los 6.2 millones de estudiantes de las escuelas públicas de California pueden participar en el Programa de Nutrición Escolar disponible en su escuela, y la participación en este programa no afecta su estado migratorio.

Es importante que todos los padres sigan completando las solicitudes de comidas y otros formularios requeridos por la escuela de sus hijos.

Nuestros Programas de Nutrición Escolar cumplen un papel fundamental, ya que garantizan que los estudiantes reciban comidas nutritivas para ayudarlos a concentrarse durante la jornada escolar y alcanzar su máximo potencial académico.

Para obtener más información, visiten la página web de la iniciativa de Refugio Seguro del Departamento de Educación de California en <https://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/in/safehavens.asp>. Si tienen alguna pregunta, comuníquense con la oficina de Alimentos al (626) 396-5850.

Atentamente,

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