

ELL Tips for School Staff: School Resource Officers

Here are some ways that safety personnel can support English language learners (ELLs).



Create a positive climate.

Greet students each day, and treat students and families with respect. These interactions can help contribute to a positive school climate.



Review safety rules.

Use safety signs with visuals, and if possible, use bilingual signs. Keep in mind that students may be new to the school and may need help learning about school policies.



Review students' rights.

All K-12 students have a right have a right to attend public schools regardless of immigration status. School staff should **never** ask students about their legal status.



Flag safety issues.

If you notice recurring safety issues, bring these issues to a supervisor. Students and families may need information in their language.



Ask for training if needed.

If you have questions about school policies, ask for additional training. Ensure you understand protocols for interacting with law and immigration enforcement.



Address bullying.

Address any bullying you see immediately. ELLs and their families may not be familiar with school policies related to bullying and they may be afraid to report any incidents.

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