



RESOLUTION NO.: 2018.042 REVISED 2026.02.27

Safe Schools for Immigrants Resolution

WHEREAS, it is the right of every child, regardless of immigration status, to access a free public K-12 education and Great Valley Academy welcomes and supports all students;

WHEREAS, federal immigration law enforcement activities, on or around Great Valley Academy property, whether by surveillance, interview, demand for information, arrest, detention, or any other means, harmfully disrupt the learning environment to which all students, regardless of immigration status, are entitled and significantly interfere with the ability of all students, including U.S. citizen students and students who hold other legal grounds for presence in the U.S., to access a free public K-12 education;

WHEREAS, through its policies and practices, Great Valley Academy has made a commitment to a quality education for all students, which includes a safe and stable learning environment, the preservation of classroom hours for educational instruction, and the requirement of school attendance;

AND WHEREAS, educational personnel are often the primary sources of support, resources, and information to assist and support students and student learning, which includes their emotional health;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the U.S. Immigrations Enforcement Office (ICE), state or local law enforcement agencies acting on behalf of ICE, or agents or officers for any federal, state, or local agency attempting to enforce federal immigration laws, are to follow Great Valley Academy Policy 2018.043 (Revised 2026.02.27), attached to and incorporated in this Resolution, to ensure the Great Valley Academy meets its duty to provide all students, regardless of immigration status, access to a free public K-12 education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board declares the Great Valley Academy to be a Safe Zone for its students, meaning that Great Valley Academy is a place for students to learn, to thrive and to seek assistance, information, and support related to any immigration law enforcement that interferes with their learning experience;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it continues to be the policy of Great Valley Academy not to allow any individual or organization to enter a school site (non-public space); given the likelihood of substantial disruption posed by the presence of ICE or state or local law enforcement agencies acting for ICE, any request by ICE or other agencies to visit a school site should be presented to

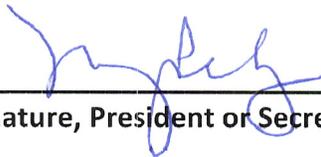
the Superintendent's Office for review as to whether access to the site is permitted by law, a judicial warrant is required, or any other legal considerations apply; this review should be made expeditiously, but before any immigration law enforcement agent or officer appears at a school site;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, should ICE or other immigration law enforcement agents request any student information, the request should be referred to the Superintendent's Office to ensure compliance with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), student constitutional privacy, standards for a judicial warrant, and any other limitation on disclosure; this review should be conducted expeditiously, but before any production of information is made;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Great Valley Academy shall make employees, parents and guardians aware of ICE presence at or near the school campuses upon confirmation using the GVA's all school communication platform.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Great Valley Academy shall make public this Resolution and publish to its website for review by staff, students, and parents using usual means of communication.

Date Approved: 2/27/20



Signature, President or Secretary

Board Action: 1st Villanueva 2nd Bradley
AYES: Pedraza, Villanueva, Bradley
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



BOARD POLICY NO.: 2018.043 REVISED 2026.02.27

Safe Schools for Immigrants Policy

It is the policy of Great Valley Academy (“GVA”) to provide all students with equal rights and opportunities to an education, regardless of specified characteristics, including on the basis of immigration status. A student or family’s immigration status will not be used at GVA as a basis to deny students access or opportunity to an equal education.

School personnel must not allow any third party access to a school site without permission of the site administrator. The site administrator shall not permit third party access to the school site that would cause disruption to the learning environment and only with notice to the Superintendent or designee.

The School Board, in Resolution No. 2018.042 Revised 2026.02.27, based on its educational experience and as part of its deliberative process as our governing body, has found that access to a school site by immigration law enforcement agents substantially disrupts the learning environment and any such request for access should be referred to the Superintendent’s Office immediately. Further, the Superintendent will timely report to the School Board any law enforcement request for student information or for school site access for immigration enforcement.

School personnel must contact the Superintendent’s Office immediately if approached by immigration law enforcement agents.

GVA adheres to all state and federal laws for student protection, including Assembly Bill 699 (April 2018) and Assembly Bill 495 (January 2026). On that basis, GVA proposes the following student procedures:

PROCEDURE

COLLECTION OF PRIVATE INFORMATION:

GVA will not collect or request information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members unless required by law.

If parents or guardians choose not to provide information that could indicate their or their children’s immigration status, citizenship status, or national origin information, GVA shall not use such actions as a basis to discriminate against any students or families or bar children from

enrolling in or attending school. GVA shall not allow school resources or data to be used to create a registry based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, national origin, or immigration status.

GVA personnel shall not inquire specifically about a student's citizenship or immigration status or the citizenship or immigration status of a student's parents or guardians; nor shall personnel seek or require, to the exclusion of other permissible documentation or information, documentation or information that may indicate a student's immigration status, such as a green card, voter registration, a passport, or citizenship papers.

Where any law contemplates submission of national origin-related information to satisfy the requirements of a special program, GVA personnel shall solicit that documentation or information separately from the school enrollment process.

Where permitted by law, the Superintendent of GVA shall enumerate alternative means to establish residency, age, or other eligibility criteria for enrollment or programs, and those alternative means shall include among them documentation or information that are available to persons regardless of immigration status, citizenship status, or national origin, and that do not reveal information related to citizenship or immigration status. Local educational agencies shall note the method of age verification but are not required to maintain a copy of the document used to show age.

Where residency, age, and other eligibility criteria for purposes of enrollment or any program may be established by alternative documents or information permitted by law or this policy, GVA's procedures and forms shall describe to the applicant, and accommodate, all alternatives specified in law and all alternatives authorized under this policy.

GVA shall not solicit or collect entire Social Security numbers or cards. GVA shall solicit and collect the last four digits of an adult household member's Social Security number only if required to establish eligibility for federal benefit programs. When collecting the last four digits of an adult household member's Social Security number to establish eligibility for a federal benefit program, GVA shall explain the limited purpose for which this information is collected and clarify that a failure to provide this information will not bar the student from enrolling in or attending the school. GVA shall treat all students equitably in the receipt of all school services, including, but not limited to, the gathering of student and family information for the free and reduced lunch program, transportation, and educational instruction.

INFORMATION SHARING

GVA shall avoid the disclosure of information that might indicate a student's or family's citizenship or immigration status without first attempting to notify the parent or guardian in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). GVA personnel shall take the following action steps upon receiving an information request related to a student's or family's immigration or citizenship status:

- ✓ Notify a designated GVA official about the information request.

- ✓ Provide students and families with appropriate notice and a description of the officer or employee's request.
- ✓ Document any verbal or written request for information by an officer or employee of an agency for immigration enforcement purposes.
- ✓ Unless prohibited, provide students and parents/guardians with any documents provided by the officer or employee seeking the information.

Except for investigations of suspected child abuse, child neglect, or child dependency, or when the subpoena served on the local educational agency prohibits disclosure, GVA shall provide parental or guardian notification of any court orders, warrants, or subpoenas before responding to such requests. GVA shall make every effort to receive written parental or guardian consent for release of student information, unless the information is for directory information only.

GVA should make a photocopy of the request and immediately consult legal counsel and/or a designated representative of the agency. No information regarding students, their families, teachers, or employees shall be disclosed, to the extent practicable, to an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement without a judicial subpoena, judicial warrant, or court order, and any disclosure must be in accordance with requirements set forth in Section 99.31(a)(9)(ii) of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations. If faced with an administrative subpoena, consult legal counsel to determine how or whether to respond as there is no separate requirement in federal or state law to provide information to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), ICE, or any other agency within DHS, without a court order, judicial warrant, or judicial subpoena.

GVA's request for written parental, guardian, or eligible student consent for release of student information must include the following information: (1) the signature and date of the parent, guardian, or eligible student providing consent; (2) a description of the records to be disclosed; (3) the reason for release of information; (4) the parties or class of parties receiving the information; and (5) if requested by the parents, guardians or eligible student, a copy of the records to be released. The [local educational agency] shall permanently keep the consent notice with the record file.

The parent, guardian, or eligible student is not required to sign the consent form. If the parent, guardian, or eligible student refuses to provide written consent for the release of student information that is not otherwise subject to release, GVA shall not release the information.

If the request seeks information regarding an employee or teacher of the local educational agency, the same procedures as above should be followed, except that human resources personnel should be consulted first.

For any requests for information, the local educational agency is under no obligation to produce the records or information immediately. Rather, the local educational agency should note any designated date for production of records, if one is indicated in the request, and convey that to a designated person at the agency. The agency should designate a contact person to whom such requests for information should be directed.

The local educational agency should obtain the contact information of the person to whom a response to the request for information should be directed and forward such contact information to the person the agency has designated to receive such requests.

DETAINED AND DEPORTED PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

GVA shall encourage families and students to have and know their emergency phone numbers and to know where to find important documentation, including birth certificates, passports, Social Security cards, doctors' contact information, medication lists, lists of allergies, etc., which will allow them to be prepared in the event that a family member is detained or deported.

GVA shall permit students and families to update students' emergency contact information as needed throughout the school year, and provide alternative contacts if no parent or guardian is available.

- ✓ GVA shall ensure that families may include the information of an identified trusted adult guardian as a secondary emergency contact in case a student's parent or guardian is detained.
- ✓ GVA shall communicate to families that information provided within the emergency cards will only be used in response to specified emergency situations, and not for any other purpose.

In the event a student's parent/guardian has been detained or deported by federal immigration authorities, GVA shall use the student's emergency card contact information and release the student to the person(s) designated as emergency contacts. Alternatively, GVA shall release the student into the custody of any individual who presents a Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit on behalf of the student. GVA shall only contact a child protective services agency if GVA's personnel are unsuccessful in arranging for the timely care of the child through the emergency contact information that the school has, a Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit, or other information or instructions conveyed by the parent or guardian.

STUDENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT:

GVA will provide "Know Your Rights" information to parents. For example, students have the right to a free public education regardless of immigration status, and GVA will advise parents of this right. This information and notification will be provided in the School's annual notices to parents, or by other cost-effective means.

[Know Your Rights](#)

[Know Your Rights - Spanish](#)

General Information Policy

GVA will provide an annual notice to parents and guardians of the school's general information policies that includes:

- ✓ Assurances that GVA will not release information to third parties for immigration enforcement purposes, except as required by law or court order.
- ✓ A description of the types of student records maintained by the GVA.
- ✓ A list of the circumstances or conditions under which GVA might release student information to outside people or entities.
- ✓ A statement that, unless GVA is providing directory information or information permitted to be disclosed without parental consent under FERPA and the California Education Code, GVA shall notify parents or guardians and eligible students—and receive their written consent—before it releases a student’s personally identifiable information.
- ✓ Even for those exceptions that permit the release of education records without parental consent, the agency is required to notify the student and their family unless an exception exists. The agency’s policy should explain these exceptions that do not require prior notification.

Directory Information Policy

If GVA decides to release directory information, GVA shall provide an annual notice to parents and guardians, and eligible students in attendance, of GVA’s directory information policy that includes:

- ✓ The categories of information that GVA has classified as public directory information that may be disclosed without parental consent and which should only include the information specifically identified in Education Code section 49061, subdivision (c).
- ✓ A statement that directory information does not include citizenship status, immigration status, place of birth, or any other information indicating national origin (except where GVA receives consent as required under state law).
- ✓ The recipients of the directory information.
- ✓ A description of the parent, guardian, or eligible student’s abilities to refuse release of the student’s directory information, and how to refuse release.
- ✓ The deadline in which the parent, guardian, or eligible student must notify the school in writing that they do not want the information designated as directory information.⁸⁰

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT EDUCATION

GVA shall adopt a process for receiving complaints of and investigating complaints of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on any of the following actual or perceived characteristics:

- disability • gender • gender identity • gender expression • nationality • race or ethnicity • religion • sexual orientation • association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned characteristics • immigration status

The complaint process must include, but is not limited to, the following steps:

- ✓ A requirement that, if school personnel witness an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, they shall take immediate steps to intervene when safe to do so;
- ✓ A timeline to investigate and resolve complaints of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying that shall be followed by all schools under the jurisdiction of the local educational agency; and

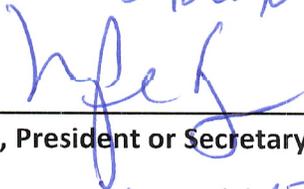
- ✓ An appeal process afforded to the complainant should they disagree with the resolution of a complaint.
- ✓ GVA shall ensure that complaint procedures contain confidentiality safeguards for immigration status information.
- ✓ GVA shall prohibit retaliation against a person who submits a complaint of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

GVA shall educate students about the negative impact of bullying other students based on their actual or perceived immigration status or their religious beliefs or customs.

GVA shall also train teachers, staff, and personnel to ensure that they are aware of their legal duty to take reasonable steps to eliminate a hostile environment and respond to any incidents of harassment based on the actual or perceived characteristics noted above. Such training should, at minimum, provide agency personnel with the skills to do the following:

- ✓ Discuss the varying immigration experiences among members of the student body and school community;
- ✓ Discuss bullying-prevention strategies with students, and teach students to recognize the behavior and characteristics of bullying perpetrators and victims;
- ✓ Identify the signs of bullying or harassing behavior;
- ✓ Take immediate corrective action when bullying is observed; and
- ✓ Report incidents to the appropriate authorities, including law enforcement in instances of criminal behavior.

Date Approved:

2/26/26


Signature, President or Secretary

Board Action: 12/1/26 Villanueva 2nd Bradley
 AYES: Pedraza, Villanueva, Bradley
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None