



NEW LONDON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We All Belong: Safe and Welcoming Schools for All *Frequently Asked Questions and Answers*

The start of 2017 has raised many questions and uncertainty for many of our immigrant families. This document of frequently asked questions and answers serves as a beginning point for families and staff who seek accurate information.

Schools should be safe havens that embrace all students and families, regardless of citizenship and national origin, and that includes unaccompanied, immigrant, and refugee children. New London Public Schools is committed to safe, healthy, and welcoming schools for all our students, families, and staff.

Please visit http://www.newlondon.org/about_nlps/PLAG for resources and information available to immigrant families.

1. If my child immigrated (with or without documents) or came to New London under refugee status, can my child attend New London Public Schools?	Yes. Under federal law, all children, regardless of their citizenship or residency status, are entitled to a K-12 public education. You will not be asked about your immigration status when registering your child for school.
2. Who do I talk to if my child or I am harassed about being from another country?	Talk to the teacher or principal. There are trained personnel in each building to assist students and families. All New London Public School personnel must report any harassment he or she observes immediately to the principal. New London Public Schools will not tolerate acts of bullying, discrimination, or harassment toward students by other students, staff, or third parties. We will take the appropriate action to ensure safety of all students and staff.
3. Have immigration officials raided a New London Public School?	No. Schools are considered sensitive locations under the Department of Homeland Security's policy and immigration raids at schools are avoided.
4. Will New London Public Schools give information about my child's or my immigration status to law enforcement?	No. New London Public Schools does not collect information about immigration status and all inquiries about a student or family's immigration status will be referred to the Welcome Center at Central Office.
5. Where can I enroll my child for school?	For students in prekindergarten-grade 8, registration takes place at the Welcome Center at 134 Williams Street. The phone number is 860-444-3181. For students in grades 9-12, registration will take place at the high school, 490 Jefferson Ave. The phone number is 860-437-6400.



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<p>6. What community services do you have for families who do not speak English or are learning English?</p>	<p>New London Public Schools has translators in multiple languages and support for our families in each of our schools. The Adult Education Program in New London provides families with ESL classes to learn English. They can be reached at 860-437-2385. The Welcome Center also provides many community resources for families.</p>
<p>7. Who do I speak to if my child needs counseling?</p>	<p>Each school has a team of counseling professionals available at each school. The Welcome Center can provide families counseling services available in the community.</p>
<p>8. Are there agencies that help people from other countries?</p>	<p>Yes, please contact Michael Doyle, Immigration and Advocacy Support Center (IASC) in New London. His number is 860-629-7758, www.iascct.org</p>
<p>9. How do I know my child is safe in school? What if ICE officials inquire about my child?</p>	<p>New London Public Schools takes the safety of your child very seriously. Please ensure all contact information and people authorized to pick up/drop off your child is up-to-date with the school's main office. Students will not be released without the proper identification that matches the authorized person listed in our system. Any ICE official seeking information about a student or family will be directed to the Welcome Center.</p>
<p>10. Who do I call to ask for more information?</p>	<p>Please contact the Welcome Center at 860-444-3181.</p>