



ALAS Position Statement

As Americans, we have long upheld the position that a free and public education is the right of all school age students living within our nation regardless of their citizenship. This principle is based upon the 14th amendment, and the precept that immigrant children, like all children, are people and should be free from discrimination.

ALAS is firmly committed to championing the rights of students to attend our nation's schools in a safe environment. It is in the interest of our country to have all students educated.

ALAS and its 14 affiliates, in unity with allies across the civil rights community, will work diligently to protect and defend Latinos and other vulnerable Americans from policies and practices that restrict their rights.

ALAS is committed to supporting school districts in providing safe and welcoming spaces where all students have the opportunity to focus on their education, secure in the knowledge that their safety and emotional well-being will be protected regardless of immigration status, national origin, race, or religion. Specifically, we will:

- Provide factual information so that immigrants and other vulnerable members of our school communities are aware of their legal rights
- Strengthen and deepen national alliances across minority groups, and advocate on behalf of students and against policies that are not in their best interest
- Inform and educate national, state, and local leaders about the potential impact of pending policy actions
- Call on Congress to oppose legislation that restricts the rights of students to attend school and to stand on our country's long-standing core values on public education
- Hold high expectations for our nation's leaders in action toward educating all students.
- Stand united in our constitutional commitment

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