

Melt The “ICE”

Guide to Lane Community College’s Immigration Enforcement Policies

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Lane Community College has a detailed guide on how students and staff should navigate potential interactions with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Planted in Oregon’s Sanctuary State Law, the guide states that public agencies (including colleges) are prohibited from participating in federal immigration enforcement without a judicial warrant.

Enforcement Protocols

To ensure compliance, LCC distinguishes between what is public and private in terms of areas on campus. Lobbies and restrooms are generally public, but classrooms, offices, and workspaces stay private.

- **Rule of Thumb:** If ICE agents attempt to enter a private space, staff and students are not to block them.
- **Procedure:** Calmly inform the agents that it is a private space, then immediately call Public Safety at 541-463-5558
- **Response:** Public Safety will escort the agents to the President’s office where the College Attorney, Daniel KT Brown, will verify the judicial warrant.

Note: If any students or staff attempt to interfere with ICE agents, they may be subject to arrest. Please wait for LCC Public Safety to arrive and deal with the situation.

Support for the Campus Community

The guide says that information is power. To alleviate fear and anxiety, LCC provides several layers of support:

- **Mental Health:** Free, confidential counseling is available at the Mental Health and Wellness Center (Building 18, Room 101).
- **Alert System:** Students and staff should enroll in LCC Alerts via MyLane to receive immediate notifications of any law enforcement activity on or near campus.
- **Privacy Rights:** All employees must comply with FERPA, ensuring student records remain confidential.

Legal and External Resources

For those seeking representation or “Know Your Rights” training, the following resources are recommended:

- **Sanctuary Promise Hotline:** 1-844-924-7829 (To report concerns or learn your rights)

- **Legal Aid:** Equity Corps of Oregon, Catholic Charities, and Innovation Law Lab provide low-cost or universal representation.
- **Community Support:** Grupo Latino de Acción Directa (GLAD) and Plaza de Nuestra Comunidad offer family preparedness and advocacy.