



Policy Number 7.7

Chapter: Police & Safety

Title: Immigration Enforcement

**Division/Department: Police and Safety/Auraria
Campus Police Department**

Policy Administrator: Chief of Police

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1. PURPOSE

International students, faculty, and staff have been and will always be an essential part of the Auraria Campus. At the same time, the Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC) adheres to all requirements of federal and state law. This policy sets forth how AHEC employees are expected to respond to immigration enforcement on the Auraria Campus.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. Administrative Warrant: For the purposes of this policy, any warrant for a violation of federal civil immigration law issued by a federal immigration authority, including administrative warrants issued on forms I-200 or I-203. These types of Administrative Warrants are sometimes referred to as Civil Immigration Warrants, Warrants of Removal/Deportation, or Warrants for Arrest of Alien.
- 2.2. Constituent Institution: As defined in C.R.S. § 23-70-101(b), an institution of higher education at and within AHEC, including Community College of Denver (CCD), Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU), and University of Colorado Denver (UCD).
- 2.3. Court Order: A directive issued and signed by a judge or magistrate, including search warrants, arrest warrants, and lawfully issued subpoenas.
- 2.4. Federal Agent: A law enforcement officer employed by a United States government agency such as U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to enforce federal laws, including immigration laws,.

3. POLICY

- 3.1. Federal Agents have exclusive jurisdiction over enforcement of immigration laws. In contrast, Colorado law prohibits the Auraria Campus Police Department

(ACPD) from engaging in certain immigration enforcement activities. C.R.S. §§ 24-74-104, 24-76.6-101, et seq., and 24-76.7-101, et seq. In addition, Colorado law generally prohibits AHEC employees from investigating whether a person has complied with immigration laws. C.R.S. § 24-74-104. ACPD will not contact, detain, question or arrest an individual solely on the basis of suspected undocumented immigration status or to discover the immigration status of any individual.

- 3.2. Federal Agents are often on campus as students, to recruit, to teach, and for other matters unrelated to immigration or law enforcement duties. It is a mistake to assume that any Federal Agent visiting the campus is present to apprehend or remove a member of the community. False rumors about immigration enforcement on campus can spread anxiety and panic. If you observe and have concerns over the presence of law enforcement or Federal Agents on campus, ACPD is available 24-hours a day, 365 days a year, at 303-556-5000 or through Text-a-Tip at 720-593-TIPS (8477).
- 3.3. ACPD will cooperate with Federal Agents to enforce non-immigration laws, ensure the safety of the campus, and as otherwise required by their legal responsibilities.
- 3.4. The generally accessible outdoor areas on the Auraria Campus are open to the public and Federal Agents may enter these areas. However, all other areas of the Auraria Campus that are owned by AHEC are considered non-public, including offices and classrooms. Federal Agents may not enter these areas without a Court Order (as opposed to an Administrative Warrant).
- 3.5. AHEC employees shall not obstruct or interfere with the actions of Federal Agents, and they should be respectful and polite in all interactions. However, AHEC employees are not required to answer questions posed by Agents and they are not authorized to grant Agents access to non-public areas or documents of AHEC or any Constituent Institutions.
- 3.6. If a Federal Agent asks an AHEC employee for access to a non-public area or documents of AHEC or any Constituent Institution, the employee should respectfully inform the Agent that they are not obstructing the process but that they are not authorized to respond to the Agent's request. The AHEC employee should immediately direct the Federal Agent to ACPD and personally notify ACPD of the interaction. All responses to Federal Agents will be handled by ACPD Command Level personnel in coordination with the AHEC General Counsel. As law enforcement professionals, members of ACPD are best equipped to interface with federal law enforcement officers. If the Federal Agent declares that exigent circumstances exist and demands immediate access, comply with the Agent's orders and immediately alert ACPD.

3.7. The Constituent Institutions have additional resources available for their students, faculty, and staff in relation to immigration enforcement at the following locations:

CCD: <https://www.ccd.edu/dreamers-and-undocumented-students/immigration-resources-colorado>

MSU: <https://www.msudenver.edu/immigrant-services/dreamer-zone/know-your-rights/>

UCD: <https://www.cu.edu/office-government-relations/federal-relations/federal-transition-updates>

4. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION

This interim policy was approved by the Auraria Executives Council and issued by the AHEC Chief Executive Officer on February 19, 2025.