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2012 Texas Association of Bilingual Educators 40th Annual Conference

2012 TABE Conference - Celebrating Our Languages, Our Cultures and Our Communities, October 24-27, 2012, San Antonio, Texas, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Featured speakers include: Mr. John Quiñones and Dr. Carmen Tafolla.

Join IDRA for the TABE Parent Institute on October 24, 2012, from 9:00 to 2:30. The keynote address will be delivered by Ms. Rosie Castro.

TABE is a professional organization devoted to representing Bilingual Learners and Bilingual Education professionals.

[Learn more about the TABE Annual Conference and Register.](#)

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La Cosecha Conference in New Mexico

La Cosecha Conference, November 7-10, 2012 in Santa Fe, New Mexico

La Cosecha is one of the largest dual language conferences in the country and brings together educators, parents, researchers and practitioners supporting dual language enrichment programs in New Mexico and across the United States. The conference is hosted by Dual Language Education of New Mexico.

Join IDRA at Cosecha this year! Dr. Juanita C. García and Dr. Nilka Avilés will present *Dos Pollitas Listas: Shaping Up with Geometry*, on the use of culturally relevant children's stories to reinforce self-concept and simultaneously encourage imaginative and analytical thinking. Ms. Paula Johnson and Dr. Nilka Avilés will present *How's a Picture Worth 1,000 Words in Math and Science?*, on using substantive conversations to build visual literacy and promote higher order thinking skills in math and science for English language learners.

[Learn more and register for La Cosecha.](#)

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School Opening: Immigrant Students' Rights

The education of undocumented students is guaranteed by the *Plyler vs. Doe* decision, and certain procedures must be followed when registering immigrant children in school to avoid violation of their civil rights. As The U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education affirmed in a May 2011 letter, "Under federal law, state and local educational agencies are required to provide all children with equal access to public education at the elementary and secondary level." Under the law, public schools may not:

- deny admission to a student during initial enrollment or at any other time on the basis of undocumented status;
- treat a student differently to determine residency;
- engage in any practices to "chill" the right of access to school;
- require students or parents to disclose or document their immigration status;
- make inquiries of students or parents that may expose their undocumented status; or
- require social security numbers from all students, as this may expose undocumented status.

Each year, IDRA publishes the School Opening Alert as a reminder of all children's rights and our responsibility to protect them.

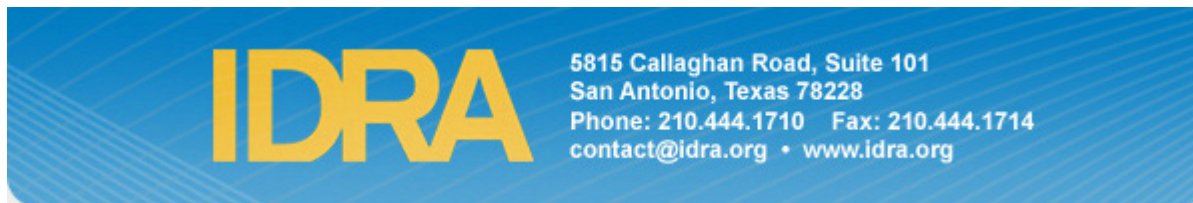
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[School Opening Alert: Immigrant Students' Rights \(in English and Spanish\)](#)

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IDRA works hand-in-hand with hundreds of thousands of educators and families each year in communities and classrooms around the country. All our work rests on an unwavering commitment to creating self-renewing schools that value and promote the success of students of all backgrounds.

We are a small organization with a powerful mission: to create schools that work for *all* children.



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