

# Protecting Families' Housing:

## What School Communities Need to Know About HUD's Proposal



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### What Is Being Proposed?

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released a proposed new rule in the Federal Register that would prohibit “**mixed-status families**” from living in public housing and certain Section 8 programs.

Mixed-status families are households where at least one member is eligible for HUD housing assistance (such as a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident) and one or more members are ineligible based on immigration status.

#### Under current law:

Mixed-status families are allowed to live together in HUD housing. The subsidy is prorated so that only eligible members receive assistance and the family pays the difference.

### What Would Change?

If finalized, the proposal would:

- Prohibit mixed-status families from living together in certain HUD housing programs
- Require all residents in covered programs to verify citizenship or eligible immigration status
- Force families to choose between separating or losing their housing assistance
- Increase the risk of eviction and homelessness for thousands of families

### How Could This Affect Students?

Many mixed-status households include U.S. citizen children. Prior analyses have found that a majority of people in mixed-status families are eligible for assistance.

If implemented, this proposal could result in:

- Increased overcrowding or families “doubling up”
- Frequent moves or displacement
- Higher risk of student homelessness
- Greater social-emotional stress
- Increased absenteeism and difficulty concentrating in school

Stable housing is directly connected to student attendance, academic performance and well-being.

### Important: The Law Has NOT Changed

This is a proposal. It is not currently in effect. Families with mixed immigration status can continue living in HUD housing under current law.

Families should NOT self-evict or move based on rumors or fear.

Before making any housing decisions, families are encouraged to:

- Seek confidential legal advice from a trusted housing or immigration attorney
- Contact local legal aid or tenant rights organizations
- Speak with trusted community-based organizations

### Community Action



- Districts, educators, families and community members can submit [public comments](#) by April 21, 2026, explaining how this proposal could affect students and school communities.
- Public comments are part of the federal rulemaking process, and agencies are required to review them.

For questions or support, please contact your district’s designated housing liaison or family engagement office.