Law Enforcement at School
A teenage student is arrested by a School Resource Officer. The situation seems intense and you are not certain about the students documentation status.

Student Transferred to County Jail
The student is 18 years old and legally an adult. The student is transported to the county jail, where they are booked and fingerprinted. The student’s information will be shared with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

ICE Detains Student
ICE determines that the student is undocumented. After the student is released from jail, they will be transferred to one of four local ICE detention centers in the greater Houston region.

Student Released from Detention
Thanks to community efforts, the student is released from detention, and will live at their home while they continue to fight their case in immigration court.

Recording An Arrest
- Observe the arrest without interfering
- Inform the student that they have the right to remain silent, and do not have to disclose their immigration status
- If you choose the record the incident, inform the officer you are recording it
- Contact the guardian listed in the student’s file
- Inform the campus administration about the arrest and ask about school discipline policies

Pre-Arrest Actions
Educators can help de-escalate a situation between a student and a police officer prior to arrest. Teachers can explain the situation and inform officers of alternative discipline methods the school has to handle certain incidents.

- De-escalate the situation
- Inform the officer that there are certain incidents that can be handled by the school staff
- Let the student know that they have the right to remain silent, including they do not have to disclose their immigration status

If an immigrant student is arrested, call the Houston Immigrant Rights Hotline at 1-833-468-4664 (Mon-Fri, 9-5).