

OVERVIEW

The Education Civil Rights (ECR) Alliance was launched to fight back against increasing attacks on students' civil rights around the country. We believe schools should serve, educate, empower, and be safe for all students.

WHAT WE DO

The ECR Alliance includes powerful community groups, the nation's largest teachers' unions, accomplished legal and civil rights organizations, influential national associations, government agencies, and other organizations that have extensive experience in, and a deep commitment to, protecting students' civil rights.

We act on that commitment through the following strategies:

- Sharing resources and tools to help parents, students, teachers, community members, and education leaders ensure that schools protect students' civil rights;
- Providing access to legal assistance, and taking legal action on education civil rights violations by local, state, and federal education agencies;



Panelists at ECR Alliance launch event: DarbiAnne Goodwin, Student; Brenda Shum, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; Lily Eskelsen Garcia, National Education Association; Liz King, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; Marlyn Tillman, Gwinnett SToPP.

- Raising public awareness of the particular challenges facing marginalized students who experience discrimination – including discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability – and of the availability of legal assistance to address civil rights violations in schools;
- Ensuring that education agencies meet their legal obligations under civil rights law, and serving as a deterrent to discriminatory and illegal behavior.

The ECR Alliance helps to protect marginalized students' civil rights with regard to various aspects of their school experience, including:

- Enrolling in School and School Activities
- Requesting School Accommodations
- School Discipline
- Bullying and Harassment at School
- Denial of Classroom and Other School Resources
- Intersectional Issues



MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE INCLUDE:

- Advancement Project
- American Civil Liberties Union
- American Federation of Teachers
- The Arc
- Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
- Boston-area Youth Organizing Project
- Center for Law and Education
- Children's Defense Fund
- Children's Law Center (KY)
- Communities for Just Schools Fund
- Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
- Disability Rights Texas
- Education Law Center
- Education Law Center (PA)
- Education Rights Network (PA)
- Equal Rights Advocates
- GLSEN
- Gwinnett SToPP
- Jonathan Schorr, LLC
- Juvenile Law Center
- Lambda Legal
- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
- Legal Aid Justice Center (VA)
- Learning Rights Law Center (CA)
- Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund
- NAACP Legal Defense Fund
- National Center for Youth Law
- National Disability Rights Network
- National Education Association
- National Education Association Foundation
- National Women's Law Center
- Open Society Policy Center
- Oregon Education Association
- The Praxis Project
- Public Rights Project
- Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
- Schott Foundation for Public Education
- Southern Poverty Law Center
- Texas Appleseed
- UCLA Center for Civil Rights and Remedies

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