

MARRIED/PREGNANT/PARENTING STUDENTS

The Governing Board recognizes that early marriage, pregnancy or parenting may disrupt a student's education and increase the chance of a student dropping out of school. The Board also desires to support pregnant and parenting students to attain strong academic and parenting skills and to promote the healthy development of their children.

(cf. 5113.1 – Chronic Absence and Truancy)
(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)
(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits toward Graduation)
(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)
(cf. 6164.5 – Student Success Team)

Nondiscrimination

The district shall not discriminate against any student on the basis of the student's marital status, pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or related recovery. (Education Code 230; 20 USC 1681-1688)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

Any education program or activity, including any class or extracurricular activity, that is offered separately to such students shall be comparable to that offered to other district students. A student's participation in such programs shall be voluntary. (34 CFR 106.40)

(cf. 6142.7 – Physical Education and Activity)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities)

Any complaint of discrimination on the basis of pregnancy or marital or parental status shall be addressed through the district's uniform complaint procedures in accordance with 5 CCR 4600-4687 and BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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For school-related purposes, a married student under the age of 18 years shall have all the rights and privileges of students who are 18 years old, even if the marriage has been dissolved. (Family Code 7002)

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board regarding the effectiveness of district strategies to support married, pregnant, and parenting students, which may include data on participation rates in district programs and services, academic achievement, school attendance, graduation rate, and/or student feedback on district programs and services.

(cf. 0500 – Accountability)

(cf. 6162.5 – Student Assessment)

Pregnant and Parenting Students

Pregnant and parenting students shall retain the right to participate in any comprehensive school or educational alternative program. The classroom setting shall be the preferred instructional strategy unless an alternative is necessary to meet the needs of the student and/or his/her child.

(cf. 6158 – Independent Study)

(cf. 6181 – Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)

(cf. 6184 – Continuation Education)

(cf. 6200 – Adult Education)

When necessary, the district shall provide reasonable accommodations to pregnant and parenting students to enable them to access the educational program. A pregnant student shall have access to any services available to other students with temporary disabilities or medical conditions. A lactating student shall have access to a private location, other than a restroom, to breastfeed or express milk for her infant child.

(cf. 6183 – Home and Hospital Instruction)

A student may be required, based on her pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or related recovery, to obtain certification from a physician indicating that she is physically and emotionally able to participate in an educational program or activity, if other students with physical or emotional conditions or temporary disabilities are required by the district to provide such certification. (34 CFR 106.40)

To the extent feasible, educational and related support services shall be provided, either through the district or in collaboration with community agencies and organizations, to meet the needs of pregnant and parenting students and their children.

As appropriate, teachers, administrators, and/or other personnel who work with pregnant and parenting students shall receive related professional development.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Pregnant or parenting students may be excused for absences related to confidential medical appointments in accordance with BP/AR 5113 - Absences and Excuses.

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The Superintendent or designee shall grant a student a leave of absence due to pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, and related recovery for as long as it is deemed medically necessary by her physician. At the conclusion of the leave, the student shall be reinstated to the status she held when the leave began. (34 CFR 106.40)

(cf. 5112.3 - Student Leave of Absence)

A pregnant or parenting student also may request exemption from attendance because of a related physical or mental condition or because of personal services that must be rendered to a dependent. (Education Code 48410)

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

2551.3 Determination of state aid for pregnant minors program
17293 School facilities for pregnant/parenting teen programs
48220 Compulsory education requirement
48410 Persons exempted from continuation classes
49553 Nutrition supplements for pregnant/lactating students
49558 Confidentiality of applications and records for free or reduced price meals
51220.5 Parenting skills and education
51745 Independent study
52610.5 Enrollment of pregnant and parenting students in adult education
54740-54749.5 California School Age Families Education Program (Cal-SAFE)
STUDENTS – BP 5146 (Continued)

FAMILY CODE

7002 Description of emancipated minor
7050 Purposes for which emancipated minor considered an adult

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

124175-124200 Adolescent and Family Life Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 Title IX, Education Act Amendments

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

106.40 Marital or parental status

Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

Pregnant and Parenting Students: A Report to the Legislature, April 1996

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SBE POLICIES

Policy statement on adolescent pregnancy and parenting, July 9, 1993

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

Department of Social Services: <http://www.dss.ca.gov>

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