

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 therefore desires to support married, pregnant, and parenting students, and promote the healthy development of their children.

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)

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 Cocurricular 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 4600-6487 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.

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. Such services may include, but are not limited to:

1. Parenting education and life skills instruction
2. Academic and personal counseling
3. Supplemental instruction to assist students in achieving grade-level academic standards and progressing toward graduation

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

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)

Legal References:

230 Sex discrimination  
8200-8498 Child Care and Development Services Act  
48205 Excused Absences  
48220 Compulsory education requirement  
48410 Persons exempted from continuation classes  
51745 Independent study  
52610.5 Enrollment of pregnant and parenting students in adult education

FAMILY CODE

7002 Description of emancipated minor

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures

4950 Nondiscrimination, marital and parental status

US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Supporting the Academic Success of Pregnant and Parenting Students under Title IX of the Education  
Amendments of 1972, rev. June 2013

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