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MARRIED/PREGNANT/ PARENT STUDENTS POLICY

Students

Married / Pregnant / Parenting Students

Married, pregnant and parenting students in the district shall have the same educational opportunities as all students.

(cf. 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 5127 – Graduation Ceremonies, Promotion Ceremonies and Activities)

(cf. 6145 – Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities)

For school-related purposes, married students under the age of 18 are emancipated minors and have all the rights and privileges of a student who is 18, even if the marriage has been dissolved.

The Governing Board believes that pregnancy and parenting should not be a barrier to education or a reason for dropping out of school. Rather than ending the teenager's need for education, pregnancy and parenting increase the need to cope with adult responsibilities and to prepare for an economically self-sufficient future.

(cf. 5147 – Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 5149 – At-Risk Students)

The instructional program provided for pregnant students shall be determined on a case-by-case basis and shall be appropriate to the student's individual needs. The student may continue attending school in the regular classroom setting, may attend a separate program established for pregnant students, or may pursue a home instruction or independent study program. The district shall coordinate transportation and scheduling so that students may attend their regular classes for part of the day and specialized classes for the remainder. When selecting the program to be followed, the student shall be encouraged to consult with her spouse or parent/guardian, her physician, and appropriate district medical and educational advisors.

(cf. 6011 – Academic Standards)

(cf. 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency)

(cf. 6146.11 – Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

(cf. 6146.2 – Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)

(cf. 6158 – Independent Study)

(cf. 6183 – Home and Hospital Instruction)

(cf. 6200 – Adult Education)

Pregnant or lactating students shall qualify for nutrition program supplements as provided under Education Code 49559(b). All applications and eligibility records concerning these supplements shall be confidential. (Education Code 49558)

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After the birth of her baby, the student may:

1. Return to regular school program
2. Remain in an alternative program
3. Attend continuation high school or adult education classes
4. Request exemption from attendance because of personal services that must be rendered to a dependent. (Education Code 48410(c))

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)

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

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES

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

WEB SITES

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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

Department of Social Services: <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/default.htm>