

## Students

### Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students

Cautionary Notice: As added and amended by SBX3 4 (Ch. 12, Third Extraordinary Session, Statutes of 2009), ABX4 2 (Ch. 2, Fourth Extraordinary Session, Statutes of 2009), and SB 70 (Ch. 7, Statutes of 2011), Education Code 42605 grants districts flexibility in "Tier 3" categorical programs and provides that districts are deemed in compliance with the program and funding requirements for these programs for the 2008-09 through 2014-15 fiscal years. As a result of this flexibility, the district may choose to temporarily suspend certain provisions of the following policy or administrative regulation that reflect these requirements. However, this flexibility does not affect or alter any existing contract or bargaining agreement that the district may have in place. Thus, districts should examine the terms of those contracts and agreements and consult with district legal counsel for additional guidance. Also, see BP 2210-Administrative Discretion Regarding Board Policy.

The Superintendent or designee may grant a student a leave of absence due to pregnancy, childbirth or abortion for as long as it is deemed medically necessary. 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 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)

### Cal-SAFE Program

A male or female student shall be eligible to enroll in the district's California School Age Families Education (Cal-SAFE) program if he/she: (Education Code 54747, 56026)

1. Is an expectant parent, custodial parent, or noncustodial parent taking an active role in the care and supervision of the child
2. Has not earned a high school diploma or its equivalent
3. Meets one of the following additional conditions:
  - a. Is age 18 years of age or younger.
  - b. Is age 19 and has been continuously enrolled in the program since before his/her 19th birthday. Such a student may be enrolled in the program for one additional semester.

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- c. The student is below age 22 and has an active individualized education plan. (cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

Students shall be enrolled in the program on an open-entry and open-exit basis. (Education Code 54745)

A student shall not be denied initial or continuous enrollment because of having had multiple pregnancies, more than one child, or a change in eligibility status from expectant to parenting. (Education Code 54747)

No fees shall be charged to students or their families for services provided through the district's Cal-SAFE program. (Education Code 54745) (cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

The Superintendent or designee shall complete an intake procedure regarding each student upon entry into the program, and periodically thereafter as necessary, to determine appropriate levels and types of services to be provided. (Education Code 54746)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff development and conduct community outreach in order to establish a positive learning environment and supportive school policies. (Education Code 54745) (cf. 4131 - Staff Development) (cf. 4231 - Staff Development) (cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall participate in the development of the county service coordination plan for providing educational and related support services to expectant and parenting teens and their children. He/she also shall participate in data collection and evaluation of the program. (Education Code 54744, 54745) (cf. 5148.1 - Child Care Services for Parenting Students) (cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program) (cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

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