

**STUDENTS**

**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 provide instruction and services designed to assist in pregnancy prevention. The Board also desires to support male and female expectant and parenting students to attain strong academic and parenting skills and to promote the healthy development of their children.

Married, expectant and parenting students shall have the same educational and extracurricular opportunities as all students. Participation in special programs or schools shall be voluntary.

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

**Expectant and Parenting Students**

The Board is committed to providing to expectant and parenting students and their children a comprehensive, continuous, community-linked program that reflects the cultural and linguistic diversity of the community.

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the County Superintendent of Schools and other community agencies and organizations to ensure that appropriate educational and related support services are available to meet the needs of expectant and parenting students their children.

Expectant and parenting students retain the right to participate in any comprehensive school or educational alternative programs. School placement and instructional strategies for participating students shall be based on the needs and learning styles of individual students. The classroom setting shall be the preferred instructional strategy unless an alternative is necessary to meet the needs of the individual student and/or child. (Education Code 54745)

In addition to providing a quality education program for expectant and parenting students, the district's program shall provide parenting education and life skills instruction, special school nutrition supplements for pregnant and lactating students, and a child care and development program on or near the school site for the children of

enrolled students. The district's program may provide other support services authorized by Education Code 54746 as necessary to meet the needs of students and their children. (Education Code 54745)

*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*

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