

~~**MARRIED/PREGNANT/PARENTING STUDENTS**~~~~**Pregnant and Parenting Students**~~

~~The goals for the district's program serving pregnant and parenting students shall be to provide continuity in education; increase attendance rates; enable achievement of district academic standards; increase graduation rates; develop positive parenting, decision-making and coping skills; develop economic self-sufficiency through job skills; and reduce the incidence of repeat pregnancies for minors.~~

~~(cf. 5113 Absences and Excuses)~~

~~(cf. 6011 Academic Standards)~~

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

~~The Superintendent or designee shall provide a comprehensive program that supplements academic courses with practical instruction geared to pregnant and parenting students' specific needs.~~

~~(cf. 6030 Integrated Academic and Vocational Instruction)~~

~~(cf. 6143 Courses of Study)~~

~~(cf. 6178 Vocational Education)~~

~~The instructional program provided for pregnant or parenting 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 or continuation education setting, may attend a separate program established for pregnant students, may enroll in adult education with adult status regardless of age, or may pursue a home instruction, hospital instruction, or independent study program.~~

~~(cf. 6158 Independent Study)~~

~~(cf. 6182 Opportunity School/Class/Program)~~

~~(cf. 6183 Home and Hospital Instruction)~~

~~(cf. 6184 Continuation Education)~~

~~(cf. 6200 Adult Education)~~

~~The Superintendent or designee may grant students a medical leave of absence related to pregnancy 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)~~

~~Pregnant and parenting students 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)~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with county welfare departments, other local health and social service agencies, and community organizations to ensure that appropriate support services are provided by either the district or another agency in the community and to coordinate delivery of those services.~~

~~(cf. 1020 Youth Services)~~

~~(cf. 1400 Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)~~

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~~The Superintendent or designee shall periodically collect and report to the Board data regarding the number of pregnant and parenting students in the district and the effectiveness of the district's programs in meeting the needs of these students.~~

~~(cf. 6190 Evaluation of the Instructional Program)~~

~~(cf. 9000 Role of the Board)~~

~~Pregnancy Prevention~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that age-appropriate, culturally, and community-sensitive instruction and services are available to assist in the prevention of pregnancy among minors. The district's program shall be based on strategies that have proven effective in delaying the onset of sexual activity and reducing the incidence of pregnancy among school-age youth.~~

~~Instruction shall include information regarding the consequences of pregnancy upon both the mother and father, including the effect upon future educational and employment opportunities; the meaning of parental responsibility and its effect upon one's personal life; strategies for resisting peer group pressure; and abstinence as a method of pregnancy prevention. Such instruction may be incorporated into health and social science classes or other appropriate courses.~~