

Berkeley Unified School District
Board Policy
Married, Expectant, Parenting Students

BP 5146
Students

The Berkeley Unified School District 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 District therefore desires to provide instruction and services designed to assist in pregnancy prevention. The District 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.

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

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

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

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

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

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 District is committed to providing a comprehensive, continuous, community-linked program for expectant and parenting students and their children 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 teens and their children.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

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

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)

- (cf. 6158 - Independent Study)
- (cf. 6182 - Opportunity School/Class/Program)
- (cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)
- (cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)
- (cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

In addition to providing a quality academic program for expectant and parenting students, the district's program shall provide a parenting education and life skills class, special school nutrition supplements for pregnant and lactating students, and a childcare 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)

- (cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
- (cf. 5141.6 - Student Health and Social Services)
- (cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
- (cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

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

SBE Policies:

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

Web Sites:

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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

Department of Social Services: <http://www.dss.ca.gov>

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