

# Board Policy

## Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students

BP 5146

### Students

Cautionary Notice: As added and amended by SBX3 4 (Ch. 12, Third Extraordinary Session, Statutes of 2009) and ABX4 2 (Ch. 2, Fourth Extraordinary Session, Statutes of 2009), Education Code 42605 grants districts flexibility in "Tier 3" categorical programs. The San Rafael City School District has accepted this flexibility and thus is deemed in compliance with the statutory or regulatory program and funding requirements for these programs for the 2008-09 through 2012-2013 fiscal years. As a result, the district may temporarily suspend certain provisions of the following policy or regulation that reflect these requirements. For further information, please contact the Superintendent or designee.

The Board of Education 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.

~~(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, expectant and parenting students shall have the same educational and extracurricular opportunities as all students. Participation in special programs or schools shall be voluntary. The district applies no rule concerning a student's actual or potential parental, family, or marital status that treats students differently on the basis of sex. (5 CCR 4950)

~~(cf. 0410—Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)~~

~~(cf. 5127—Graduation 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 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.

~~(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) Pregnant students and parenting male or female students are not excluded from participation in their regular school programs or required to participate in pregnant-student programs or alternative educational programs. Pregnant/Parenting students who voluntarily participate in alternative programs are given educational programs, activities, and courses equal to the regular program. (5 CCR 4950 (c))

The district does not exclude or deny any student from any educational program or activity solely on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom. The district treats pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, and recovery therefrom in the same manner and under the same policies as any other temporary disability. (5 CCR 4950 (a)(d))

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)

### Pregnancy Prevention Program

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that age-appropriate, culturally sensitive 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 be consistent with the district's family life/sex education curriculum.

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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