

## **MARRIED/PREGNANT/PARENTING STUDENTS**

### **BOARD POLICY - 5146**

The Board of Education recognizes that early marriage, pregnancy, or parenting and related responsibilities may disrupt a student's education and increase the chance of a student dropping out of school. The Board is committed to supporting married, pregnant, and parenting students in continuing their education, attaining strong academic and parenting skills, and promoting the healthy development of their children.

The district shall not discriminate against any student on the basis of the student's marital status, pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or related recovery. (Education Code [230](#); 34 CFR [106.40](#)) For school-related purposes, a student under the age of 18 years who enters into a valid marriage shall have all the rights and privileges of students who are 18 years old, even if the marriage has been dissolved. (Family Code [7002](#))

The associated regulations and procedures include education and support services for pregnant and parenting students, guidelines for student absences, pregnancy prevention instruction, student access to reasonable accommodations, and complaint procedures in compliance with federal, state and local codes.

Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

[222](#) Reasonable accommodations; lactating students

[230](#) Sex discrimination

[8200-8498](#) Child Care and Development Services Act

[48205](#) Excused absences

[48220](#) Compulsory education requirement

[51220.5](#) Parenting skills and education

[52610.5](#) Enrollment of pregnant and parenting students in adult education

#### **FAMILY CODE**

[7002](#) Description of emancipated minor

#### **CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5**

[4600-4687](#) Uniform complaint procedures

[4950](#) Nondiscrimination, marital and parental status

Policy Adopted: