

MARRIED/PREGNANT/PARENTING STUDENTS

The Superintendent or designee may grant a student a leave of absence due to pregnancy, childbirth or abortion 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.

A pregnant or parenting student 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.

Cal-SAFE Program

A male or female student shall be eligible to enroll in the district's California School Age Families Education (Cal-SAFE) program if he/she:

1. Is an expectant parent, custodial parent, or noncustodial parent taking an active role in the care and supervision of the child;
2. Has not earned a high school diploma or its equivalent;
3. Meets one of the following additional conditions:
 - a. Is age 18 years of age or younger;
 - b. Is age 19 and has been continuously enrolled in the program since before his/her 19th birthday. Such a student may be enrolled in the program for one additional semester; or
 - c. The student is below age 22 and has an active individualized education plan.

Students shall be enrolled in the program on an open-entry and open-exit basis.

A student shall not be denied initial or continuous enrollment because of having had multiple pregnancies, more than one child, or a change in eligibility status from expectant to parenting.

No fees shall be charged to students or their families for services provided through the district's Cal-SAFE program.

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.

The Superintendent or designee will complete an intake procedure regarding each student upon entry into the program, and periodically thereafter as necessary, to determine appropriate levels and types of services to be provided.

The Superintendent or designee will provide staff development and conduct community outreach in order to establish a positive learning environment and supportive school policies.

The Superintendent or designee will participate in the development of the county service coordination plan for providing educational and related support services to expectant and parenting teens and their children. He/she also shall participate in data collection and evaluation of the program.

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(Replaces: AR 5122.5 Procedure for Determining the Educational Future of Pregnant Minors)

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