

STUDENTS

Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students

Married, pregnant and parenting students in the County Office of Education shall have the same educational opportunities as all students.

For school-related purposes, married students under the age of eighteen (18) are emancipated minors and have all the rights and privileges of a student who is 18, even if the marriage has been dissolved.

The County Office of Education believes that pregnancy and parenting should not be a barrier to education or a reason for dropping out of school. Rather than ending the teenager's need for education, pregnancy and parenting increase the need to cope with adult responsibilities and to prepare for an economically self-sufficient future.

The instructional program provided for pregnant 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 setting, may attend a separate program established for pregnant students, or may pursue a home instruction or independent study program. When selecting the program to be followed, the student shall be encouraged to consult with her spouse or parent/guardian, her physician, and appropriate County Office of Education medical and educational advisors.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

2551.3 Pregnant minors programs operated by county superintendent of schools

8900-8902 Pregnant minors program

48410(c) Persons exempted from continuation classes

49558 Confidentiality of applications and records

49559 Reimbursement rates; qualification of pregnant or lactating students for programs

FAMILY CODE

7002 Emancipated minor; description

7050 Purposes for which emancipated minors are considered an adult