

PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS

The teenage pregnancy and parenting program shall serve the unique needs of students in jeopardy of not graduating because the student is pregnant or is a parent. The program shall serve as an alternative to the regular high school, and participation shall be on a voluntary basis.

Enrollment

A pregnant or parenting student is eligible for participation in the teenage pregnancy and parenting program if the student has written pregnancy verification from a licensed physician or if the student is a parent.

Enrollment of the student in the teenage pregnancy and parenting program shall reflect the following:

1. Enrollment in the program shall be voluntary. No student shall be required to enroll in the program.
2. A pregnant or parenting student must be provided the option to attend a regular high school and/or other schools, classes, or programs available to all District students.
3. Married pregnant and parenting students under the age of 18 are emancipated minors and have all the rights and privileges of an 18-year-old student, even if the marriage has been dissolved.
4. After birth of the student's baby, a student in the teenage pregnancy and parenting program may:
 - a. Return to regular high school classes.
 - b. Remain in the teenage pregnancy and parenting program.
 - c. Attend continuation high school or adult education classes.
 - d. Request exemption from attendance because of personal services that must be rendered to a dependent [Education Code Section 48410(c)]

Instruction

The focus of the instructional program is two-fold:

1. The student should be provided a curriculum and instructional experience that focuses on preparing the student to be a successful high school graduate.

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2. The student will be provided with an experience that aims to equip the student with the knowledge and skills needed to be an effective parent. Instruction should include, but not be limited to, instruction in health, prenatal and postnatal care, preparation for childbirth and parenting, home economics, consumer education, child development, money management, and employability skills.

Supervision

The teenage pregnancy and parenting program shall be administered by the principal of La Sierra High School.