



TITLE: Married, Pregnant, Parenting Students

PURPOSE:

The Alliance Judy Ivie Burton Technology High School charter, submitted (11/20/14) and approved Los Angeles Unified School District (12/09/15), excluded express support of married, pregnant and parenting students. This policy expressly includes these groups of students as required by the California Education Code and United States Code and Regulations.

POLICY:

The Governing Board of Alliance Judy Ivie Burton Technology High School 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 support married, pregnant, and parenting students to continue their education, attain strong academic and parenting skills, and to promote the healthy development of their children.

The Principal or designee shall periodically report to the Board regarding the effectiveness of strategies to support married, pregnant, and parenting students, which may include data on participation rates in programs and services, academic achievement, school attendance, graduation rate, and/or student feedback on programs and services.

Alliance Burton 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. Alliance Burton 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; 34 CFR § 106.40(a).)

Any complaint of discrimination on the basis of pregnancy or marital or parental status shall be addressed through the district's uniform complaint procedures in accordance with 5 CCR 4600-4687 and Uniform Complaint Procedures.

For school-related purposes, married students under the age of 18 are emancipated minors and have all the rights and privileges of a student who is 18, even if the marriage has been dissolved. (Family Code 7002)

The Governing Board designee shall periodically report to the Board regarding the effectiveness of School strategies to support married, pregnant, and parenting students, which may include data on participation rates in district programs and services, academic achievement, school attendance, graduation rate, and/or student feedback on district programs and services.

Education Program:

Alliance Burton 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. [MMH1] Pregnant and parenting students (male or female) shall retain the right to participate in their regular school program and are not required to participate in pregnant-

student programs or alternative education programs. The classroom setting shall be the preferred instructional strategy unless an alternative is necessary to meet the needs of the individual student. Pregnant/parenting students who voluntarily participate in alternative programs are given educational programs, activities, and courses equal to the regular program. (5 CCR § 4950; 34 CFR § 106.40(b).)

A student may be required, based on her pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or related recovery, to obtain certification from a physician indicating that she is physically and emotionally able to participate in an educational program or activity, if other students with physical or emotional conditions or temporary disabilities are required by the School to provide such certification. (34 CFR 106.40(b)(2).)

Accommodations:

When necessary, the Charter School shall provide reasonable accommodations to pregnant and parenting students to enable them to access the educational program. Alliance Burton treats pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, and recovery from pregnancy in the same manner and under the same policies as any other temporary disability.

To the extent feasible, educational and related support services may be provided, either through the Charter School or in collaboration with community agencies and organizations, to meet the needs of pregnant and parenting students and their children. Such services may include, but are not limited to:

1. Child care and development services for the children of parenting students near Alliance Burton during the school day and during school-sponsored activities
2. Parenting education and life skills instruction by referral
3. Special school nutrition supplements for pregnant and lactating students
4. Health care services, including prenatal care
5. Tobacco, alcohol, and/or drug prevention and intervention services
6. Academic and personal counseling
7. Supplemental instruction to assist students in achieving grade-level academic standards and progressing toward graduation

As appropriate, teachers, administrators, and/or other personnel who work with pregnant and parenting students shall receive related professional development.

A lactating student at Alliance Burton shall have a reasonable amount of time to access to a private and secure location, other than a restroom, to breastfeed or express milk for her infant

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child. The lactating student is permitted to bring onto a school campus a breast pump and any other equipment used to express breast milk, to have access to a power source for a breast pump or any other equipment used to express breast milk; and to access to a place to store expressed breast milk safely. A student will not incur an academic penalty as a result of her use, during the school day, of the reasonable accommodations specified in this section, and pupils are provided the opportunity to make up any work missed due to such use. (Education Code § 222.)

Attendance:

Pregnant or parenting students may be excused for absences related to confidential medical appointments.

The Board designee may also grant a student a leave of absence due to pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, and related recovery for as long as it is deemed medically necessary by her physician. At the conclusion of the leave, the student shall be reinstated to the status she held when the leave began. (34 CFR 106.40(b)(5).)

A pregnant or parenting student also may request exemption from attendance because of a related physical or mental condition or because of personal services that must be rendered to a dependent.