

AB-2881 Student Parent Webpage Sample Language

[AB2881 is a California bill](#) which requires institutions of higher education to offer additional support for students with dependent children by providing a resource navigation webpage and priority registration. **By February 1, 2023**, California colleges and universities covered by the law will be expected to have a [webpage specific to student parent supports](#).

Institutions must provide the student parent internet web page link to students as a part of campus orientations. Colleges and universities must also provide the student parent webpage link to faculty and encourage faculty to include the link in their syllabi. To ensure that the student parent internet web page remains useful to student parents, the student parent web page must be reviewed and updated (if necessary) no later than the first day of every fall and spring semester or no later than the first day of every fall and spring quarter.

I. Resources required by law

Learn more about AB 2881 in [our blog post](#). Under the law, institutions must share information about the following programs. Please feel free to use any of the language below on your site:

Program/ Support	Website for more information	Overview & Critical Information
Priority Registration	Our policy follows California’s legal requirements to provide priority registration. You can review Section 66025.81 of the law here .	<p><i>[NAME OF INSTITUTION] supports parenting students, in accordance with the Education Code, by offering priority registration for students who are parents. This program includes all students who... [define student parent here].</i></p> <p><i>To gain access to priority registration...[explain your institution's process for approving priority registration for student parents.]</i></p> <p><i>For questions or more information, contact...[insert name, title, phone number, and email of relevant contact].</i></p> <p>Under the law, at minimum, institutions must provide priority registration to all students who have a “child or children under the age of 18 who will receive more than half of their support from that student.” Because this definition may exclude many student parents who need support (e.g. parents with shared custody arrangements or parents of older children with disabilities), institutions should consider allowing additional parenting students to use this priority</p>

		registration option. For assistance crafting your definition of student parents or related documents, contact us .
CalFresh	https://www.cdss.ca.gov/calfresh	<p>The CalFresh Program (formerly known as Food Stamps) helps low-income households increase their food-buying power to meet their household's nutritional needs. CalFresh benefits issued through Electronic Benefit Transfer, also known as EBT card, can be used in grocery stores and participating Farmers Markets.</p> <p>CalFresh is based on income and is open to children, U.S. citizens, and certain non-citizens. To help you determine whether you are eligible, consult this webpage (scroll to bottom) and/or contact [INSERT LOCAL CONTACT NAME, PHONE, EMAIL].</p> <p>Apply here: https://www.getcalfresh.org/</p>
California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC)	https://www.ftb.ca.gov/file/personal/credits/california-earned-income-tax-credit.html	<p>If you work and have low income, you may qualify for the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC). This credit gives you a refund or reduces your tax owed.</p> <p>If you qualify for CalEITC and have a child under the age of 6, you may also qualify for the Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC) (see below). Together, these state credits can put hundreds or even thousands of dollars in your pocket. <u>Filing your state tax return is required to claim both of these credits.</u></p>
Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC)	https://www.caleitc4me.org/young-child-tax-credit/	<p><i>Do you have a child under the age of 6?*</i></p> <p>If you qualify for CalEITC (see above) and have a child under the age of 6, you may also qualify for a refundable tax credit of up to \$1000 through the Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC)! If you qualify,</p>

		<p>you may see a reduced tax bill or a bigger refund.</p> <p>Use this calculator to see if you qualify and estimate the amount of your credit.</p>
<p>California Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)</p>	<p>https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DWICSN/Pages/Program-Landing1.aspx</p>	<p>The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) promotes the health of low-income pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets, information on healthy eating including breastfeeding promotion and support, and referrals to health care.</p> <p>You may qualify if you receive Medi-Cal, CalWORKs (TANF) or CalFresh (SNAP) benefits. WIC welcomes military families, migrant families, fathers, foster parents and legal guardians with eligible children. Participating in the WIC program does not affect the immigration status of anyone currently in the U.S.</p> <p>Use the WIC eligibility assessment tool to see if you qualify. Set up an appointment at a WIC local agency near you! Visit our website for WIC families to find a WIC local agency site near you.</p>

II. Other resources to include

This webpage should compile all supports and services which may be of use to student parents. To comply with the law and best practice, be certain to include any point of contact for each program (name, phone, email), a description of the program, and eligibility restrictions, if any.

Consider including information on the following programs/supports, if available:

- Emergency grants/loans
- Meal assistance or food pantry programs
- Family housing information
- Emergency housing support
- Application information for cost of attendance adjustments
- Grants and scholarships for student parents
- Counseling services and wellness programming
- Lactation spaces and support
- On-campus childcare program
- Back-up/emergency childcare assistance
- Off-campus childcare navigator (contact information for on-campus help, and services such as the [CA Child Care Resource and Referral Network](#), [MyChildCarePlan.org](#), etc.)
- Summer [meals for kids](#) and local camps
- Student parent resource center and/or advisory board
- Parental leave and accommodation policies (including both student-employee and student academic policies, if any)
- List/map of child changing stations, play zones, and similar areas of interest
- Medi-Cal (Individuals can [apply for Medi-Cal and get questions answered here.](#))

You may also want to survey student parents to hear from them about what supports are most relevant and useful! If you're interested in survey support, [contact us here.](#)

III. Additional Assistance

a. Communications tools

Please consider our [Title IX Communications Guide](#) before building out your student parent webpage.

- Use our Communications Reflection Tool (page 4).
- You can jump to page 10 to review examples from other universities!

b. Institutional Policy Support

Does your campus have policies relating to pregnant and parenting students' attendance, accommodations, and non-discrimination? If so, include them on this webpage. If not, the Pregnant Scholar team can assist you with drafting and implementing best practice policies to meet the needs of your institution and the students you serve.

Review our model policies here:

- [Model Policy on Pregnancy and Parenting Leave and Accommodations](#)
- [Model Policy on Lactation Time, Space, and Accommodations](#)

For support with creating or implementing institutional policy on your campus, [contact us here](#). We'd love to help!