

Sam Houston State University
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PRE-31 – Pregnant & Parenting Students

SUBJECT: Pregnant & Parenting Students

PURPOSE: To provide accommodations and support services to help pregnant and parenting students have equal access to education and to fulfill their academic requirements while attending an institution of higher education.

POLICY: Sam Houston State University (SHSU) is committed to creating and maintaining a supportive learning environment for pregnant and parenting students through policies that protect academic rights guaranteed to these students under federal and state law.

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1. Definitions

- a. Accommodation – reasonable modification or adjustment that enables an individual to gain access to content and/or complete assigned tasks.
- b. Discrimination – conduct directed at a specific individual or a group of identifiable individuals that subjects the individual or group to treatment that: (1) adversely affects the individual or group's education; and (2) is different than similarly-situated individuals or groups regarding an SHSU service, benefit, or privilege because of the protected category, which, for the purpose of this policy, is the category of sex or familial status as it relates to pregnancy or parenting.
- c. Leave of Absence – a temporary break from studies to manage a personal, medical, or family issue.
- d. Parenting Student – a student enrolled at SHSU, who is the parent or legal guardian of a child under 18 years of age.

2. Responsibility for Implementation

SHSU designates the Office of Title IX & Discrimination Resolution to

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