



AB 2881 Basic Information and Frequently Asked Questions

Read through the following Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to gain a basic understanding of the new AB 2881 law.

FAQ	Answer
What is AB 2881?	AB 2881 is a new California law that requires colleges and universities in California to provide priority registration for student parents, and to notify student parents of resources and supports critical to their success through a student parent webpage.
What is priority registration and why is it important for student parents?	Priority registration allows student parents to register for courses before some other students. This is an essential support that also benefits other students with important scheduling needs, such as students with disabilities and athletes. Student parents often navigate all the demands of higher education in addition to work, (often inflexible) childcare schedules and other parenting responsibilities. For example, a student parent may have to schedule courses around their child’s school drop off and pickup time or may want to build breaks into their day to make it easier to breastfeed without missing class. Others report needing priority registration to allow them to plan a course schedule that accommodates their disabled child’s medical appointments. Early registration is particularly important for students in programs with tight sequencing, clinical components, or where required courses are only available once each year. By allowing student parents to have a wider choice of course scheduling options, priority registration ensures student parents will be less likely to have to choose between finishing their degree and being there for their families.
How does AB 2881 define student parents and how does our campus	AB 2881 defines student parents as students who have children under the age of 18 who receive more than half of their support from the student. Your institution must,

<p>find out who is a student parent?</p>	<p><i>at minimum</i>, provide priority registration to those students, though there are other student parents who don't meet the law's definition and may also benefit from early registration. Under AB 2881, institutions can create their own form or process to identify student parents who qualify for priority registration, or they can use existing resources such as information supplied through FAFSA, the California Dream Act Application (CADAA), or the application to receive a fee waiver pursuant to Section 76300.</p>
<p>When must our campus implement priority registration for student parents?</p>	<p>Priority registration for student parents must be implemented by <u>July 1, 2023</u>.</p>
<p>What is a student parent webpage under AB2881?</p>	<p>The student parent webpage shares information about resources for student parents available on campus and in the larger community. The new law requires the webpage include, at minimum, information about the priority registration system, as well as information about CalFresh, the California Earned Income Tax Credit, the Young Child Tax Credit, and the California Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).</p>
<p>When must our campus have a student parent webpage?</p>	<p>The student parent webpage must be created by <u>February 1, 2023</u>.</p>
<p>Does it matter where the student parent webpage "lives?"</p>	<p>The law requires the webpage be clearly visible and easily accessible from a drop-down menu on the homepage of the campus' internet website. Institutions must provide the student parent webpage link to students as a part of campus orientations. Colleges and universities must also provide the student parent webpage link to faculty and encourage them to include the link in their syllabi. The information on that webpage must also be available on the internet website-based student account associated with a student's attendance at the institution.</p>

<p>How often does the webpage need to be updated?</p>	<p>To ensure that the student parent internet webpage remains useful to student parents, AB 2881 requires that the webpage be reviewed and updated 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.</p>
<p>Who is responsible for implementing AB 2881?</p>	<p>The person responsible for implementing AB 2881 is not expressed in the law, and responsibilities may rest with many folks on campus, including the registrar’s office, student affairs staff, chancellors, and folks working directly with student parents. Participation from each of these groups is essential to successful implementation, but campuses should consider establishing one primary point of contact—and providing them with the resources they need to succeed. Folks with more positional power, including tenured faculty, chancellors, and other “high-ranking” administrators are critical allies as the campus plans to implement the new law.</p>