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Statement on Child Marriage

AAUW of Michigan supports legislation to end child marriage in Michigan. Current law in Michigan permits marriage at age 18 with two exceptions:

- a) marriage at 16 with parental consent
- b) marriage under 16 with parental consent and judicial approval.

Both of these exceptions create conditions that make educational achievement, satisfying future domestic lives, and economic independence less likely for our youth, especially for girls. 5,426 children were married in Michigan between 2000 and 2021, some as young as 14. Ninety-five percent were girls wed to adult men an average of 4.3 years older. Girls represent 86% of the minor children who were married in the United States.

AAUW of Michigan urges legislators in Michigan to support legislation that removes the two exceptions noted above thereby increasing the age to marry in the State of Michigan to 18 and end the abuse that is currently permitted.