

BP 5146 MARRIED/PREGNANT/PARENTING STUDENTS

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The School Board believes that marriage, pregnancy and parenting should not be barriers to education or a reason for dropping out of school. Married, pregnant and parenting students in the district shall have the same educational opportunities as all students.

Note: Title IX of federal law forbids sex discrimination in any school receiving federal assistance. No such school may deny participation in a class or extracurricular activity because of a student's pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, abortion, parenthood or marital status unless the student requests otherwise. If a student's physician requires her to be absent for a period of time due to pregnancy, childbirth or abortion, the school must allow such leave and subsequently reinstate her to the status she had when the leave began. The school cannot require pregnant students to attend special programs for pregnant minors. 34 CFR 106.40.

The instructional program provided for pregnant students shall be determined on a case-by-case basis and shall be appropriate to the student's individual needs. The student may continue attending school in the regular classroom setting, may attend a separate program established for pregnant students, or may pursue a home instruction or correspondence study program.

Wherever possible, program staff shall work closely with the pregnant student's partner and/or parents/guardians and shall collaborate with local public and private agencies in order to expand the student's learning opportunities and support system.

~~After the birth of the baby, the student may:~~

- ~~1. Return to regular school program.~~
- ~~2. Remain in an alternative program.~~
- ~~3. Request exemption from attendance because of personal reasons which may relate to the care of the child.~~

After the birth of her baby, a student may continue in or return to the regular school program, or remain in an alternative program. A pregnant student's participation in an alternative program is voluntary.

When necessary, the district shall provide reasonable accommodations to pregnant and parenting students to enable them to access the educational program. A pregnant student shall have access to any services available to other students with temporary disabilities or medical conditions. A student that breastfeeds may request access to a private location, other than a restroom, to breastfeed or express milk for her infant child.

Pregnant or parenting students may request exemption from attendance because of personal reasons which may relate to the care of the student or child. Further pregnant or parenting students may be excused for absences related to medical appointments.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

The Superintendent or designee will grant a student an attendance exemption or excused 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 absences, the student will be reinstated to the status she held when the absence began.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions)

Legal Reference:

TITLE IX, Education Amendments of 1972

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