

MARRIED/PREGNANT/PARENTING STUDENTS

Married, pregnant and parenting students in the district shall have the same educational opportunities as all students.

The School Board believes that pregnancy and parenting should not be a barrier to education or a reason for dropping out of school. Rather than ending the teenager's need for education, pregnancy and parenting increase the need to cope with adult responsibilities and to prepare for an economically self-sufficient future.

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.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions)

Legal Reference:

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