

PREGNANT STUDENTS

The Board of Education will not discriminate among students on the basis of their parenthood, defined as pregnancy, childbirth, pregnancy-related disabilities, actual or potential parenthood. No student, who is a parent, shall be denied access to or benefit from any educational, co-curricular, or athletic program or activity.

A pregnant student shall not be excluded from any educational program or activity because of her pregnancy or pregnancy-related condition unless the student so requests or a physician certifies that her exclusion is necessary for the student's physical, mental, or emotional well-being. An excluded pregnant student will be provided with adequate and timely opportunity for instruction to continue or make up her schoolwork without prejudice or penalty.

The Board of Education reserves the right to require as a prerequisite for participation in the regular instructional program and in the co-curricular program that a pregnant student present to the School Principal her physician's written statement that such participation will not be injurious to her health or jeopardize her pregnancy.

A pregnant student who does not wish to attend regular classes or is physically unable to do so during her pregnancy may, with her consent, be assigned to an alternate instructional program which may include home instruction or a program offered by another school district or institution.

The parents or legal guardians of a pregnant student under eighteen years of age shall be notified of any change in the student's regular educational program.

A student who has received an alternate instructional program for reasons associated with pregnancy shall be readmitted to the regular program upon her request and the written statement of her physician that she is physically fit for attendance.

A pregnant student under the age of 18 who wishes to withdraw from the District must have the written permission of her parents/guardians.

Legal References: N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq. Law Against Discrimination
 N.J.S.A. 18A:36-20 Discrimination prohibited
 N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1 et seq. Managing for Equality and Equity in Education
 See particularly:
 N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.4,-1.7

20 U.S.C.A. 1681 - Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

The Comprehensive Equity Plan, New Jersey State Department of Education 2007-2010

Cross References: *5141.3 Health examinations and immunizations
 *5145.4 Equal educational opportunity
 *6145 Extracurricular activities
 *6154 Homework/makeup work
 *6172 Alternative educational programs
 *6173 Home instruction

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

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