



Book	Policy Manual
Section	Section 4000 - Students
Title	Education for Pregnant and Parenting Students
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Cross References	Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Bullying (policy 1710/4021/7230), Equal Educational Opportunities (policy 4001), Attendance (policy 4400)

The board of education will provide all pregnant and parenting students with the same educational instruction as other students or its equivalent. Pregnant and parenting students will not be discriminated against or excluded from school or from any program, class, or extracurricular activity because they are pregnant or parenting students. School administrators shall provide assistance and support to encourage pregnant and parenting students to remain enrolled in school and graduate.

In accordance with state law, school system officials shall use, as needed, supplemental funds from the At-Risk Student Services allotment to support programs for pregnant and parenting students. Upon notification that a student is pregnant, the need for changes in the student's educational program will be assessed on an individual basis. Any decision to modify the student's program will be made only after consultation with the student, parent or guardian, and medical consultant, as appropriate. Participation in a modified program is voluntary for the pregnant student.

Students who are pregnant or parenting will be given excused absences from school for pregnancy and related conditions for the length of time the students' physicians find medically necessary. These absences include those due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the student is the custodial parent. Homework and make-up work will be made available to pregnant and parenting students to ensure that they have the opportunity to keep current with assignments and avoid losing course credit because of their absence from school, and, to the extent necessary, a homebound teacher will be assigned.

School administrators shall make referrals for services to community agencies where appropriate.

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