

### **MARRIED AND PREGNANT STUDENTS**

Marital, maternal or paternal status shall not affect the rights and privileges of students to receive a public education nor to take part in any program or activity offered by the school district.

Married students under the age of eighteen (18) are subject to the compulsory school attendance laws and are required to attend school unless excused in accordance with law.

Married or unmarried pregnant students shall not be excluded from school. However, a married or unmarried pregnant student may be excused from school in the advanced stages of pregnancy when, in the judgment of a physician and/or the Superintendent of Schools, such attendance would be detrimental to the safety and well being of the student.

A pregnant married or unmarried student may be provided alternate programs of instruction such as home study. Efforts will be made to ensure that the educational program of the student is disrupted as little as possible, and that she is encouraged to return to high school after the birth of her baby and complete requirements for graduation.

The Board of Education reserves the right to require as a prerequisite for attendance in the regular classes of the schools and the co-curricular and extra-curricular programs of the schools that each pregnant student present to the Superintendent her physician's written statement that such activity will not be injurious to her health nor jeopardize her pregnancy.

The pregnant student will be considered on an excused absence for so long a period as is deemed medically necessary by the student's physician. At the conclusion of the absence, the student shall be reinstated to the status she held when the absence began.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §3321.04

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