

## Students

### Married/Pregnant Students

~~Married students will have the same educational opportunities in the Hamden School System as unmarried students.~~

The Hamden Board of Education will provide all pregnant and parenting students with the same educational instruction or its equivalent as other students. Pregnant and parenting students shall not be discriminated against or excluded from school or any program, class, or extracurricular activity because they are pregnant or parenting students.

The school system may provide programs to meet the special scheduling and curriculum needs of pregnant and parenting students. Student participation in these programs shall be voluntary, and the instruction and curriculum must be comparable to that provided to other students.

A pregnant student may remain in ~~her~~ the regular school program as long as ~~their health~~ ~~her physical and emotional condition~~ permits. Any variation from a pregnant student's continuance in regular classes shall be based upon ~~her~~ ~~their~~ specific needs. In addition, per state regulations, pregnant students must be identified as eligible for special education. Homebound and hospitalized instruction shall be provided only when the Planning and Placement Team finds that it is in the best interest of the student.

Homework and make-up work shall 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, as described above, a homebound teacher will be assigned.

Reasonable accommodations must be provided, such as a larger desk, access to an elevator, or more frequent access to a restroom.

Pregnant and parenting students shall be given excused absences from school for pregnancy and related conditions for the length of time the student's physician finds medically necessary. This includes absences due to illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child for whom the student is the custodial parent.

A student who is under age 16 and a mother may request permission from the Board to attend adult education class in lieu of the regular school program.

~~Further, the Board of Education's responsibility for the education of all school-age students includes the pregnant teenager, married or unmarried. These girls will be allowed to remain in school, and services for them will be made a regular part of the school system. Any variation from their continuing in regular school classes will be based on their assessed needs. A pregnant girl may remain in her regular school program as long as her physical and emotional condition permits.~~

~~A student who is a mother may request permission from the Board to attend adult education class in lieu of the regular school program.~~

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(cf. 6173 – Homebound Instruction)  
(cf. 6200 - Adult Continuing Education)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-184 Duties of parents.

10-186 Duties -of local and regional boards of education re school attendance.

State Board of Education Regulations

10-76a-35 Educationally exceptional children.

10-76d-15 Homebound and hospitalized instruction (subsection b4).

10-76d(e)(2) Duties and powers of boards of education to provide special education programs and services.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§1681-1688.

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