

Holbrook Public Schools

PREGNANT STUDENTS

Because completing school is essential to future success, the Holbrook Public Schools ensures that pregnant students have access to the full range of educational opportunities available to all other students. Discrimination or harassment by fellow students, teachers, school administrators, and counselors is prohibited.

The Holbrook Public Schools does not discriminate against any student or exclude any student from any educational program or activity on the basis of a student's pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or recovery from these conditions.

Pregnant students have the right to remain in their regular or current school program, including advanced placement programs, in-district special education placements, as well as out of district special education placements funded by the Holbrook Public Schools. Pregnant students may also participate in any and all extracurricular, intramural, and interscholastic activities (although the same documentation required for participation and eligibility for all students must be provided), Senior/Junior Prom and graduation programs or activities.

Holbrook Public School students cannot be expelled, suspended, or otherwise excluded from any academic or extra-curricular program, or be required to participate in school programs, solely on the basis of the students' pregnancy, childbirth, pregnancy recovery or termination, conditions related to pregnancy, or marital or parental status.

Participation in special academic or extra-curricular programs for pregnant students is completely voluntary on the part of the student and said programs are offered to non-pregnant students on a completely voluntary basis as well.

The Holbrook Public Schools allows pregnant students to take part in physical education classes, although the same documentation required for participation for all students must be provided. If a pregnant student is not able to participate in the regular physical education program, the Holbrook Public Schools will develop an alternative curriculum that will cater to her condition and provide, upon satisfactory completion, her with physical education credit.

The Holbrook Public Schools treats pregnancy as it treats other medical conditions. Services are to be provided to pregnant students in the same manner as services are provided to students with other temporary disabilities.

If a pregnant or parenting student misses school due to pregnancy or related conditions (including childbirth, miscarriage, termination of pregnancy, and recovery), the absences shall be considered excused absences.

A pregnant or parenting student must obtain certification from a physician for a medically related absence in the same manner that is required for all students, for absences due to medical conditions.

Upon returning from an excused absence, a pregnant student shall be reinstated in the Holbrook Public Schools with the same status as before the leave began, and will be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can be reasonably provided. Upon satisfactory completion of such assignments, the student shall be given full credit.

Upon the recommendation of the student's physician, a pregnant student may be granted a leave of absence for as long as it is deemed medically necessary, during which time the student will be entitled to tutoring services comparable to tutoring services provided to students with other temporary disabilities.

SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REF.: Title IX of the 1972 Federal Education Amendments
M.G.L. 71:84

Adopted: October 17, 2007

Amended: June 4, 2008, September 21, 2011