PREGNANT PUPILS

No pupil who is otherwise eligible to attend the district's school(s) shall be denied an educational program solely because of pregnancy, childbirth, pregnancy-related disabilities, or actual or potential parenthood. All pregnant students shall be permitted to remain in the regular school program and activities.

A pregnant pupil who does not wish to attend regular classes or who is physically unable to do so during her pregnancy may, on her request, be assigned to either a formal alternative educational program or home instruction.

A pupil who has received an alternate educational program or home instruction for reasons associated with her pregnancy shall be readmitted to the regular school program upon her request and the written statement of a physician that she is physically fit to do so. All alternate educational programs or home instruction for pregnant students shall provide instruction equivalent to the general and/or special education programs as applicable.

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

Schools will provide a lactation room which may be used by a nursing mother (both staff and students) to breast feed her baby or express milk in private. The school shall make at least one lactation room available, upon request, to any mother who is utilizing on-site services. The room must be sanitary, other than a restroom, and contain an electrical outlet, a chair, and have nearby access to running water.

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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	
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1	Code of student conduct

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

The Comprehensive Equity Plan, New Jersey State Department of Education

Possible 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.