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## **Purpose**

~~No student, whether married or unmarried, who is otherwise eligible to attend the schools of this District shall be denied admission to the district or an educational program solely because of pregnancy, childbirth, pregnancy related conditions disabilities, or actual or potential parenthood; nor shall a pregnant student under the age of seventeen (17) be excused from the requirements of the Compulsory Attendance Statute solely for reasons of her pregnancy or maternity.[1][2]~~

A student who is eligible to attend district schools and is married and/or pregnant/parenting shall not be denied **admission to the district** or an educational program solely because of marriage, pregnancy, pregnancy-related **conditions** or potential or actual parenthood.[1][2][3][4][5][6][7]

## **Authority**

~~The Board reserves the right to require as a prerequisite for attendance in the regular classes and participation in the extracurricular program of the schools that each pregnant student present to the Superintendent or designee a licensed physician's written statement that such activity will not be injurious to her health nor jeopardize her pregnancy.~~

The Board directs that students who are married or experiencing pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions or parenting shall have equal access to the same educational programs, activities and services provided to other district students.[2][4][5]

The Board directs the Title IX Coordinator and district staff to make reasonable modifications to Board policies, administrative regulations and school rules as necessary to provide equal access to the district's educational program for a student experiencing pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions or parenting, when the student, parent/guardian of the student or other individual with a legal right to act on behalf of the student informs the Title IX Coordinator of the student's pregnancy or related conditions.

## **Definitions**

Pregnancy or related conditions, as defined in federal law, shall mean:[5][8]

1. Pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation;
2. Medical conditions related to pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, lactation; or
3. Recovery from pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, lactation, or related medical conditions.

Pregnancy, as defined in state law, shall include the use of assisted reproductive technology, the state of being in gestation, childbirth, breastfeeding, the postpartum period after childbirth and medical conditions related to pregnancy.[9]

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Title IX Coordinator shall coordinate with the student, parent/guardian of the student or other individual with a legal right to act on behalf of the student to determine when reasonable modifications need to be adjusted or are no longer necessary. The Title IX Coordinator shall inform the student and the individual who provided notification regarding a student's pregnancy, if applicable, of the district's responsibilities and Board policy regarding nondiscrimination.[4][5]

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for implementing this policy.

### **Guidelines**

When a student, parent/guardian of a student or other individual with a legal right to act on behalf of the student informs a district employee of the student's pregnancy or related conditions, the employee shall promptly notify that individual of the Title IX Coordinator's contact information and inform the individual that the Title IX Coordinator may coordinate specific steps to prevent discrimination and provide equal access to the district's educational programs, activities and services. The employee shall document this notification.[4][5][10][11]

Reasonable modifications must be based on the student's individualized needs, and shall be determined in consultation with the student.

Reasonable modifications may include, but are not limited to:[4][12]

1. Breaks during class to address lactation needs or health needs, including eating, drinking and restroom use.
2. Intermittent absences to attend medical appointments, in accordance with Board policy. [13]
3. Voluntary leave of absence as deemed medically necessary by the student's licensed healthcare provider.[13]
4. Access to online or homebound instruction, or other separate but comparable program of the district's educational programs and activities.[14][15]
5. Changes in schedule or course sequence.
6. Extensions of time for coursework or rescheduling of tests and examinations.
7. Allowing the student flexibility in sitting and standing, and changes in physical space or supplies, including carrying water.
8. Access to appropriate facilities for addressing lactation needs.
9. Counseling.

The district shall not require documentation for establishing reasonable modifications or providing equal access to educational programs and activities unless such documentation is required in accordance with law or other Board policies and administrative regulations.[5][12][13][14][16]

### **Guidelines**

~~A student who is married must declare his/her marital status at the time of marriage or at the time of enrollment in the school.~~

~~A pregnant student whose mental or physical condition prevents her from attending regular classes, when such condition is certified by a licensed physician, may be assigned to an alternate educational program.~~

~~A student who has received an alternate educational program for reasons associated with her pregnancy shall be readmitted to the regular school program upon their request and the written statement of a physician that she is physically fit to do so.~~

Legal

[1. 24 P.S. 1326](#)

[2. 22 PA Code 12.1](#)