



Capital School District

Board of Education Policy

Section: Student
Title: Marriage and Pregnancy
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Purpose:

The courts have indicated that the right to an education cannot be restricted simply by the fact that a student marries or becomes pregnant. This right also applies to the participation of students in most activities associated with or under the sponsorship of the school.

1. Students shall have the right to receive the benefits derived from an education. This right shall not be restricted or denied solely on the reason of marriage or the condition of pregnancy unless there is compelling evidence to indicate:
 - a. That the presence of the individual contributes to class disruption or interferes with the educational progress of other students.
 - b. That the mental, physical and emotional status of the individual is such as to hamper involvement in the educational activities.
2. Students who have communicated to the appropriate school authority (and it has been determined that a condition of pregnancy exists) may continue to attend school until there is compelling evidence to exclude the affected student.

Continued attendance may be permitted provided monthly statements attesting to the health and condition of the student are received from a licensed physician.

3. Students shall have the right to, and shall be informed of, the educational alternatives during absence from school due to pregnancy. This right may be exercised in accordance with the policy pertaining to "Pregnant Students" as established in the Handbook for Secondary Schools and encouraged to take advantage of the educational alternatives available. Students shall have the right to return to school following the birth of the child. This right to admittance shall depend upon:
 - a. Receipt from a licensed physician attesting to the health of the student.
 - b. Receipt of statements from a responsible person, agency, or organization establishing the suitability of care for the child.