

Tyrone Area School District

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: PREGNANT/MARRIED
STUDENTS

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234. PREGNANT/MARRIED STUDENTS	
1. Purpose Title 22 Sec. 12.1 SC 1326	No student, whether married or unmarried, who is otherwise eligible to attend the schools of this district shall be denied an educational program solely because of pregnancy, childbirth, pregnancy-related 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.
2. Authority	The Board reserves the right to require as a prerequisite for attendance in the regular classes of the schools and 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.
3. Guidelines	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A student who has received an alternate educational program 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.</p>
4. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the implementation of this policy which shall include offering of counseling services to help the pregnant student plan her future wisely, and description of the alternate educational program to which the pregnant student may be assigned on her licensed physician's request.</p> <p><u>Education of Pregnant Students</u></p> <p>Pregnant girls shall be encouraged to remain in their regular school program as long as their physical and emotional condition permits. An individual decision is necessary to determine what is in the best interest of each student. The girl's parents and physician should be consulted in developing the educational plan to fit her needs. As in other school matters, the final decision will rest upon the judgment</p>

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of the principal who will consider all the factors involved in the administration of this policy.

In order that the school district may carry out its responsibilities to the student, the following procedures shall be followed:

- A. The pregnant student shall inform the school nurse of her condition as soon as it becomes known. She will share this information with guidance counselor, grade level administrator, and physical education instructor.
- B. The school nurse shall receive confirmation from the physician in two (2) areas:
 - 1. Verification that the student is receiving prenatal care.
 - 2. Identification of any limitations or special conditions which the school should observe.
- C. Excusal from Attendance.
 - 1. Pregnancy in itself does not exempt the student or parents from the compulsory attendance laws.
 - 2. If a student is prevented from attending school because of illness or complications associated with pregnancy, a doctor's statement to this effect will be required.
 - 3. In cases of normal pregnancy only the physician's statement shall be reason for discontinuing attendance prior to birth of the child and resuming attendance after the birth. The doctor's statement is required in writing.

In order that the school may assist the pregnant student in pursuing her education during and after the pregnancy, the following procedures shall be followed:

- A. If the student is excused by a physician's statement because of specific illness or complications, she will be provided homebound instruction.
- B. Reasonable adjustment will be made in the student's and schedule to comply with special conditions stipulated by the physician. This includes limitations or modifications in physical education as stipulated by the physician.
- C. The school will make reasonable provisions to prevent postponement or delay in the student's educational program as a result of absence for the birth of the child. Since this absence is predictable, individual arrangements should be made for the completion of as much work as possible before the absence, as well as a plan for whatever make-up work may be necessary after the absence.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">D. Classes for pregnant and parenting students are offered monthly, and all such students are encouraged to attend these educational sessions. Students must seek permission from the teacher of their scheduled class prior to attendance and are responsible for completing all missed classwork.
E. If during the pregnancy she wished to continue her education outside of the school facility, it is the family's responsibility to provide for any financial payments and to facilitate communications between the Tyrone Area School District and the outside agency or school. |
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