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Pregnant Students Student Pregnancy and Related Conditions

The District does not discriminate against or exclude any student from school programs or activities on the basis of the student's pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy or recovery therefrom (herein after referred to as "pregnancy" or "pregnant"). The District affirms the right of such students to continue participation in the education programs and activities of the District including extracurricular activities.

Efforts are made to ensure that the educational program of the student is disrupted as little as possible. Students under the age of 18 are still subject to compulsory education requirements. Students 18 or older are encouraged to return to school after pregnancy and complete requirements for graduation.

The District works with students to determine the educational options available for students if alternate educational methods are needed. If the District provides an alternate program for pregnant students, participation in such program is voluntary based on an individual student's request. Such programs are comparable to programs offered to non-pregnant students.

The District will not require a pregnant student to obtain a physician's certification that the student is physically and emotionally able to continue participation in programs of the District unless such a certification is required of all students for other physical or emotional conditions requiring the attention of a physician.

The District treats pregnancy in the same manner as other temporary disabilities, including but not limited to policies for absences and grading.

The Board affirms the right of a pregnant student to continue her participation in the educational program

As soon as the pregnancy is medically confirmed, the Board recommends that the student consult with a member of the student personnel staff or the principal to plan her educational program.

With the staff member involved, the student may elect any of the following educational plans or suggest alternatives.

- 1. She may remain in her present school program, with modifications as necessary until the birth of her baby is imminent or until her physician states that continued participation would be detrimental to her health or that of the baby.
- 2. When information has been obtained from the student's physician indicating that the student is unable to attend school, home bound instruction is available at school expense until her physician state: that she is physically able to return to school.
- 3. With Board approval, she may temporarily withdraw from school and enroll in an approved educational program in which she can continue her education.

Efforts are made to ensure that the educational program of the student is disrupted as little as possible and that she receives health and counseling services, as well as instruction. Students under the age o

Legal Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX; 20 USC 1681 et seq.

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Cross References <u>JB - Equal Educational Opportunities</u>

JEA - Compulsory Attendance Ages