

Students

Pregnant Students

Students who are pregnant or who have given birth shall have access to the regular program unless a physician has certified that homebound or hospitalized instruction is in the student's best interest and should continue for a specified period of time.

A planning and placement team shall be convened for each such student upon receipt of such certification.

(cf. 6200 - Adult Continuing Education)

(cf. 6173 – Homebound Instruction)

Legal Reference: State Board of Education Regulations

10-76d-15 Homebound and hospitalized instruction (subsection b4).

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There are occasions when students either become pregnant or suspect they are pregnant. Depending upon the situation, knowledge of either may or may not be shared with a student's parent or guardian.

In case of pregnancy or suspected pregnancy, the school's attitude must always be one of concern for:

- A. Continuation of an appropriate educational program.
- B. Appropriate counseling to the student and maintenance of confidence with the student.
- C. Encouragement of the student to involve her parent/guardian
- D. Appropriate medical advice to the student.

In all instances of pregnancy or suspected pregnancy, the above four concerns reflect the extent of the schools responsibility in such matters. Within the constraints of these responsibilities various situations are possible which can create difficult decisions for school personnel. These situations will be guided by the procedures outlined in the following scenarios.

Suspected or Confirmed Pregnancy

Situation: The student indicates to a staff member that she suspects or is pregnant and is desirous of obtaining advice on a course of action. She has not and does not want to communicate this information to her parent or guardian.

School Actions:

1. Counseling should be provided and the student encouraged to convey this information to her parent or guardian and to consult the family physician. If this route is successfully followed, the school's next action is one of follow-up; i.e., concern for the appropriate educational program in the event the student is pregnant and appropriate follow-up counseling whether or not the student was pregnant.
2. If, after counseling, the student refuses to share her suspected condition with her parents or guardians, she should be advised that appropriate medical facilities are available for performing tests to establish the fact of pregnancy or counsel the student about her pregnancy. Information as to medical facilities available will be provided to the student. At this point, the school's responsibility is one of follow-up.
3. If the student has appropriate tests conducted and is determined not to be pregnant, the school should provide appropriate follow-up counseling.