

PREGNANT STUDENTS

Educational opportunities are part of the value system of a free society, and education in our increasingly complex and technological society is a prerequisite for opportunity to lead a full and productive life; therefore, the Columbia Board of Education affirms the right of a pregnant student to continue her participation in the public school program.

As soon as the pregnancy is medically confirmed, the Board recommends that the student consult with a counselor and the school psychologist or the principal to plan her educational program.

With the staff members 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, homebound instruction will be available at school expense until her physician states 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 at her own expense.

Efforts will be 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 of 18 are still subject to compulsory education requirements. Students 18 or older are encouraged to return to high school after delivery to complete requirements for graduation.

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LEGAL REFS.: Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX; 20 USC 1681 et seq.
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CROSS REFS.: JB, Equal Educational Opportunities
JEA, Compulsory Attendance Ages

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