

**MARRIED/PREGNANT STUDENTS**

No student who is otherwise eligible to attend the district's school shall be denied an educational program solely because of pregnancy, childbirth, pregnancy- related disabilities, or actual or potential parenthood.

A pregnant student who does not wish to attend regular classes or who is physically unable to do so during her pregnancy may, on her request, be assigned to either a formal alternative educational program or home instruction.

A student who has received an alternate educational program or home instruction 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.

A pregnant student under the age of 18 who wishes to withdraw from the district must have the written permission of her parents/guardians.

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**Legal References**

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**Monitored:**

Indicator 8.1

**Mandated:**

As part of the comprehensive equity plan, the board must adopt policy providing for equitable treatment for pregnant and married students.

**Other Reasons:**

N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et. seq. The Law Against Discrimination includes “marital status” and “familial status” as protected categories. Familial status includes pregnant individuals (N.J.S.A. 10:5-5 (II) definitions relative to discrimination.)

N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.7 requires the board to provide equal and bias free access for all students. Discrimination on the basis of any medical condition is prohibited.

**Recommendation:**

A policy stating that the district shall not exclude a pupil from any educational program or activity because of pregnancy, pregnancy-related disabilities or marital status unless the pupil so requests or a physician certifies such exclusion is necessary.

The policy should also address provision of adequate and timely opportunity for instruction to continue.

**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq. Law Against Discrimination  
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-20 Discrimination prohibited  
N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1 et seq. Managing for Equality and Equity in Education  
See particularly:  
N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.4,-1.7

20 U.S.C.A. 1681 - Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts

The Comprehensive Equity Plan, New Jersey State Department of Education

**Possible**

**Cross References:** \*5141.3 Health examinations and immunizations  
\*5145.4 Equal educational opportunity  
\*6145 Extracurricular activities  
\*6154 Homework/makeup work  
\*6172 Alternative educational programs  
\*6173 Home instruction

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.