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Policy

MARRIED/PREGNANT PUPILS

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

No married pupil who is otherwise eligible to attend the district's school(s) shall be denied an educational program solely because of his/her marital status.

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

Pre- Delivery

A pregnant pupil will attend regular classes if physically able to do so. Special provisions may be arranged by the school administration at the request of the student and parents/guardians.

A pregnant pupil 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.

Post-Delivery

In compliance with school attendance laws and board policy a mother under the age of 16 must attend school.

A mother 16 years of age or older will be encouraged to continue her education.

A pupil 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.

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Key Words

Married Pupils, Pregnant Pupils, Married Students, Pregnant Students

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.