

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: Pregnant, Parenting and Married
Students

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234 PREGNANT, PARENTING AND MARRIED STUDENTS

Purpose

No student, whether married or unmarried, who is otherwise eligible to attend the schools of this district shall be denied an educational program solely because of pregnancy, childbirth, pregnancy related disabilities, or actual or potential parenthood; nor shall a pregnant student under the age of 17 be excused from the requirements of the Compulsory Attendance Statute solely for reasons of her pregnancy or maternity.

Authority

A student who appears to the teacher, nurse, physician, dentist or dental hygienist to deviate from her normal growth and development pattern shall be reported to the parents or guardians who shall be requested to have the student examined by her family physician. The results of these examinations shall be reported to the school. If a student is not examined within a reasonable time, and her growth and development pattern continues to deviate from normal, the school nurse, school physician, school dentist or dental hygienist shall arrange special school examinations for the student.

A student who requests that she not participate in a regular or extracurricular program of the school because of her pregnancy shall be excused from such program, and shall seek a report from her family physician. If the student is not examined within a reasonable time, the school nurse or school physician shall arrange a special school examination for the student.

If a parent or guardian requests on behalf of a student that she not participate in a regular or extracurricular program of the school because of her pregnancy, the student shall be excused from such program, and the parent or guardian shall seek to have the student examined by her family physician. If the student is not examined within a reasonable time, the school nurse or school physician shall arrange a special school examination for the student.

In the event of any of the above, the school shall follow the recommendation of the examining physician in admitting a student to, or excusing a student from, participation in an extracurricular or regular program of the school.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the implementation of this policy which shall include proffering of additional counseling services to help the pregnant student plan her future wisely; referral to special programs or services to which the student may be assigned on her request; referral to alternative programs, as appropriate; cooperation with community resources to assist the pregnant student; and designation of a qualified staff member to act upon the physician's statement regarding the examination and health of a pregnant student.

Legal References

1. P.S., 24, Section 13-1326
2. Pennsylvania School Code 22, Section 12.1
3. Pennsylvania School Code 28, Section 23.11