

CODIFICATION REFERENCE NUMBER: 2416

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PREGNANCY

RESPONSIBILITY:

The principal or his/her designee will provide appropriate educational services to pregnant school-age students.

PROCEDURES:

1. A student shall not be excluded from any educational program or activity because of pregnancy or related conditions unless she so requests and the school doctor or the student's private physician certifies that such exclusion is necessary for her physical, mental or emotional well-being. Failure to provide such a physician's certificate within 10 days of the request shall result in the student's exclusion from all activities involving physical stress identified as inappropriate by the school doctor.
2. When school officials become aware that the student is pregnant they may request that she provide a note from her doctor stating that it is medically appropriate for her to participate in school subjects and school-related activities. This note from the physician should specify appropriate and inappropriate classes and activities. Timelines for participation should also be part of the doctor's recommendation.
3. The student will be eligible for home instruction as provided for in N.J.A.C. Title 6, Chapter 28.
4. The student's existing schedule may be modified with the guidance counselor at the approval of the school doctor. The parents of a pregnant pupil shall be notified of any change in the pupil's regular educational program.
5. If instruction is interrupted for a lengthy period of time by pregnancy-related absences, the student may finish the program within a reasonable time frame which will be determined by the principal of the school.
6. When the student, who has been out of the regular academic program due to pregnancy or related circumstances, submits a doctor's letter stating that the student is able to resume regular attendance and participation in the school program, the student shall be re-admitted.