

PROGRAMS FOR PREGNANT/ PARENTING STUDENTS

Pregnant students should have the same educational opportunities as their peers. Such students may also need additional counseling and health services that are available through the public schools.

Pregnant students may elect to remain in the regular school program and shall not be involuntarily excluded from any part of the school program, provided, however, that reasonable safeguards are maintained both for the school's and the student's best interests.

Pregnant students ~~shall~~ **are encouraged to** notify school authorities of their status as soon as it is ascertained. At least ten (10) days of medical absence may be approved for a student who provides documentation of the birth of the student's child and time shall be provided for the student to make up the work.

Pregnant and parenting students of children under thirteen (13) shall be permitted ~~additional four (4) days of~~ excused absences for a child needing care such purposes upon proper documentation in accord with policy and statute. Time shall be provided for the student to make up the school work missed during the absence. The Superintendent will establish procedures as necessary to implement this policy.

Parenting students shall not bring their children to school during the regular school day. Student's children will only be permitted in specified classes when requested by an instructor with the approval of the building administration. They are not to be in any other area of the school campus.

Adopted: July 25, 2013

LEGAL REF.: ~~22-12-2 NMSA (1978)~~
~~22-12-8 NMSA (1978)~~
~~22-12 NMSA (1978)~~
22-12A-9 NMSA

CROSS REF.: AD - Educational Philosophy/School District Mission
JIE - Pregnant / Parenting Student
IHBF - Homebound Instruction
IKEA – Make Up Opportunities

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