

**Policy**

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PREGNANT STUDENTS

No student 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. All pregnant students shall be permitted to remain in the regular school program and activities.

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. All alternate educational programs or home instruction for pregnant students shall provide instruction equivalent to the general and/or special education programs as applicable.

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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Key Words

Married Students, Pregnant Students, 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  
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1 Code of student conduct

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

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.