

MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: PREGNANT STUDENTS

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<p>1. Purpose SC 1326 Title 22 Sec. 12.1</p> <p>2. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">234. PREGNANT STUDENTS</p> <p>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 seventeen (17) be excused from the requirements of the Compulsory Attendance Statute solely for reasons of her pregnancy or maternity.</p> <p>The guidance counselor shall arrange a conference with the pregnant student, during which the following procedures shall be considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medical proof of pregnancy (inclusive of delivery date) must be obtained by the student and given to the guidance counselor. 2. Referral to a doctor, clinics, agencies, etc. 3. Attendance procedure – daily attendance should be maintained until deemed unwise by a doctor. 4. Assignment procedure – during the time the student is absent from school. 5. Homebound instruction during pregnancy – is not applicable to normal pregnancy cases. (See page three (3) of this policy for postpartum homebound instruction procedures.) 6. Possible parent/guardian conference. 7. Class participation may be modified according to a doctor’s recommendation. <p>The following alternatives for completing a high school education shall be discussed by the guidance counselor with the student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The student may stay in school and complete the school year. This is strongly encouraged.
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<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. The student may, with school officials, develop an acceptable alternative educational program.3. The student may withdraw from school; as long as she has completed the first semester, she will receive credit for that semester.4. The student may return to school and take a limited educational program in order to receive enough credits for promotion and also to leave school early so that she can take care of the child.5. The student may withdraw from school and later take the General Educational Development Test and receive a high school equivalency diploma from the Department of Education.6. The student may withdraw from school and, for various reasons, desire not to return to school at all, in accordance with the provisions of compulsory attendance regulations. <p>Every student will be handled on an individual basis.</p> <p><u>Attendance Procedure</u></p> <p>Pregnant students will be marked present daily provided they follow the prescribed medical procedure in notifying school officials and complete all assignments for the duration of the absence.</p> <p><u>Assignment Procedure</u></p> <p>The guidance personnel will procure assignments from the student's teachers.</p> <p>Assignments will be made available at the guidance office and completed assignments will be returned to the guidance office.</p> <p>The guidance personnel will deliver completed assignments to teachers.</p> <p>When the nurse receives medical notification from the guidance office of the pregnancy, the nurse will have a medical conference with the pregnant student.</p> <p>The nurse will contact the doctor, clinic, etc., for medical confirmation and procedure.</p> <p>A record of the pregnancy will be kept in a separate medical file.</p>
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Postpartum Procedures

Following the birth of the infant, a female student requires a period of time to recuperate from child birth and arrange for child care. The student should submit a statement from the attending physician stating the birth date of the infant. Homebound instruction may be provided for four (4) to six (6) weeks following the birth. A school official will ensure that the student is receiving counseling to assist the student in accessing available social services to ensure that the student remains in school to achieve graduation.

Following the six (6) week postpartum period for a female student, the parenting student shall follow standard district attendance procedures with the allowance for the exceptions included in this policy.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1326

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1