

# ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES OF THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 8.25 MARRIED / SCHOOL - AGE PARENTS

### (1) MARRIED STUDENTS

Married students shall have the same legal rights as unmarried students, including the right to participate in all extracurricular activities.

### (2) PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS

(a) The Milwaukee Public Schools recognizes both the right of, and need for, pregnant and parenting students to continue their education. Accordingly, the school system, in keeping with the resources available to it, is committed to offering such alternative programs as are needed to accommodate individual students within the spirit of equal educational opportunity for all students of the school system.

(b) The Milwaukee Public Schools shall actively seek and strive to achieve a cooperative relationship with other community agencies in order that together the agencies can provide educational and supportive comprehensive services to school-age pregnant and parenting students, and their families.

(c) Further, the Board shall authorize the establishment of program provisions for pregnant and parenting school-age students as follows:

1. Students shall have the option of remaining in the schools in which they are regularly enrolled with such educational and extracurricular program modification as deemed appropriate based on individual student need and as determined based on need as documented by a medical/mental health professional.
2. Students shall have the option of being provided instructional services through the homebound instruction program contingent upon provision of the appropriate medical recommendation in keeping with established requirements.
3. Students shall have the option of continuing their education in a center and/or program established by the school system to serve school-aged parents.

(d) Pregnant students cannot legally be forced to leave school unless attendance would endanger their health, nor may a student be forced to leave regular school to attend a special school and/or program, but shall have the right to choose the special school and/or program voluntarily. Waiting lists for admission to such schools or special classes are illegal and shall not be maintained by the Milwaukee Public Schools.

(e) By establishing special programs and schools, the Board wishes to guarantee pregnant and parenting students the right to decide for themselves without pressure from school officials whether they want to continue to attend their school of origin, receive homebound instruction, or attend a special public school and/or program for school-age parents. If pregnant students leave school during their pregnancy, they shall have the right to return to their schools of origin when their pregnancy is over or to transfer to a different school if they so desire.

(f) Information on alternative programs for pregnant and parenting students shall be available from school-based support staff and the school age parent program staff.

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