

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 8.25**

**MARRIED/PREGNANT STUDENTS**

**(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 STUDENTS**

(a) The Milwaukee Public Schools recognizes both the right of, and need for, pregnant 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 girls, the putative fathers, and their families.

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

1. Students shall have the option of remaining in the schools in which they are regularly enrolled with such program modification as may be prescribed for medical purposes.
2. Students shall have the option of withdrawing from the schools in which they are regularly enrolled with instructional services being provided through the home instruction program contingent upon securing the appropriate medical recommendation in keeping with established requirements.
3. Students shall have the option of continuing their education in a center established by the school system to serve pregnant school-aged girls.

(d) Pregnant students cannot legally be forced to leave school unless attendance would endanger their health, nor may a student be forced to leave her regular school to attend a special school, but she shall have the right to choose the special school 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 students the right to decide for themselves without pressure from school officials whether they want to remain in school, leave school and receive home instruction, or leave school to attend a special public school for pregnant students. If pregnant students leave school during their pregnancy, they shall have the right to return to their schools when their pregnancy is over or to transfer to a different school if they so desire.

(f) Information on alternative programs for pregnant students shall be available from school social workers and counselors.

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