



**NORTH ALLEGHENY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SECTION:	PUPILS
TITLE:	PREGNANT/ MARRIED STUDENTS
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Section 1. Purpose

A student who is eligible to attend North Allegheny School District programs and is married and/or pregnant shall not be denied an educational program solely because of marital status, pregnancy, pregnancy-related disabilities, or potential or actual parenthood; nor shall a student under the age of seventeen (17) be excused from the requirements of the compulsory attendance solely for reasons of pregnancy or maternity.

Section 2. Authority

The Board reserves the right to require as a prerequisite for attendance in North Allegheny School District programs and activities that each pregnant student present to the building administrator or program supervisor a licensed physician's written statement that such activity will not be injurious to her health nor jeopardize her pregnancy.

Section 3. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for implementing this policy which include:

- a. Offering counseling services to help the pregnant student plan her future.
- b. Cooperation with community resources to assist the pregnant student.
- c. Development of a curriculum for the alternate educational program to which the pregnant student may be assigned on her request.
- d. Designation of a qualified staff member to act upon the physician's statement regarding the examination and health of a pregnant student.

Section 4. Guidelines

- a. Pregnancy itself does not exempt the child or parents from the compulsory attendance laws.

24 P.S.
Sec. 1326
Title 22
Sec. 12.1

School Code 1326
PA Code Title 22
Sec. 12.1

- b. If a student is prevented from attending school because of illness or complications associated with pregnancy, a doctor's statement to this effect may be required.
- c. In cases of normal pregnancy, only the physician's statement shall be reason for discontinuing attendance prior to birth of the child.
- d. In order that the school may assist the pregnant student in pursuing the student's education through and after the pregnancy, the following procedures shall be followed:
 - 1. If the student is excused by a physician's statement because of specific illness or complication, the student will be provided homebound instruction.
 - 2. Reasonable adjustment will be made in the student's program and schedule to comply with special conditions stipulated by the physician.
 - 3. The school will make reasonable provisions to prevent postponement or delay in the child's educational program as a result of absence. Arrangements should be made for completion of as much work as possible before the absence, as well as a plan for whatever make-up may be necessary after the absence.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1326

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

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