

KEYSTONE OAKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy Guide



Policy No. 234

Section PUPILS

Title PREGNANT/PARENTING/
MARRIED STUDENTS

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POLICY NO. 234 PREGNANT/PARENTING/MARRIED STUDENTS		
Section 1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>A student who is eligible to attend district schools and is married and/or pregnant/parenting shall not be denied an educational program solely because of marriage, pregnancy, pregnancy-related disabilities or actual or potential 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/paternity.</p>	22 PA Code 12.1 SC 1326
Section 2	<p><u>Authority</u></p> <p>The Board reserves the right to require as a prerequisite for attendance in the regular classes and participation in the extra-curricular and/or athletic program of the schools that each pregnant student present to the Superintendent or designee a licensed physician's written statement that such activity will not be injurious to her health nor jeopardize her pregnancy.</p>	
Section 3	<p><u>Guidelines</u></p> <p>A pregnant student whose mental or physical condition prevents her from attending regular classes, when such condition is certified by a licensed physician, may be assigned to an alternate educational program or homebound instruction.</p>	Pol. 117

<p>Section 4</p>	<p align="center">POLICY NO. 234 PREGNANT/PARENTING/MARRIED STUDENTS</p>	
	<p>Following the birth of the infant, a female student may request up to six (6) weeks to recuperate from childbirth and arrange for child care. The student must submit a statement from the attending physician stating the birth date of the infant, and a request for homebound instruction.</p>	<p>Pol. 117, 204</p>
	<p>A student who has received an alternate educational program, for reasons associated with her pregnancy, shall be readmitted to the regular school program upon her request and the written statement of a licensed physician that she is physically fit to do so.</p>	
	<p>If a student does not elect the general policy as stated above, then she may withdraw from school and re-enroll the following year. This withdrawal would be treated as a regular withdrawal and grades as such be recorded.</p>	<p>Pol. 208</p>
<p>The respective school guidance counselors will be responsible for informing married/pregnant students of the alternative available to them for their continuing participation in school programs.</p>		
<p>A pregnant student may also be eligible for additional accommodations through a 504 plan before and after birth.</p>		
<p><u>Delegation of Responsibility</u></p>		
<p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations for implementing this policy which include:</p>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Offering counseling and educational services to help students plan their future. 2. Cooperation with community resources to assist students. 3. Development of a curriculum for the alternate educational program to which the pregnant student may be assigned on her request. 4. Designation of a qualified staff member to act upon the licensed physician's statement regarding the examination and health of the pregnant student. 		

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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1326

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

Board Policy – Pol. 117, 204, 208