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## **Purpose**

A student who is eligible to attend district schools and is married and/or pregnant/parenting shall not be denied admission to the district or an educational program solely because of marriage, pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions, or potential or actual parenthood.[1]2][3][4][5]

## **Definition**

**Pregnancy**, as defined in state **regulations**, shall include the use of assisted reproductive technology, the state of being in gestation, childbirth, breastfeeding, the postpartum period after childbirth, and medical conditions related to pregnancy.[6]

## **Authority**

The Board directs that students who are married or experiencing pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions, or parenting shall have equal access to the same educational programs, activities, and services provided to other district students.[2][3]

The Board directs district staff to make reasonable modifications to Board policies, administrative regulations, and school rules as necessary to provide equal access to the district's educational program for a student experiencing pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions, or parenting. Reasonable modifications may include, but are not limited to:[7]

- Breaks during class to address lactation needs or health needs, including eating, drinking, and restroom use.
- Intermittent absences to attend medical appointments, in accordance with Board policy.[8]
- Voluntary leave of absence as deemed medically necessary by the student's licensed healthcare provider.[8]
- Access to online or homebound instruction or other separate but comparable programs of the district's educational programs and activities.[9][10]
- Changes in schedule or course sequence.
- Extensions of time for coursework or rescheduling of tests and examinations.
- Allowing the student flexibility in sitting and standing and changes in physical space or supplies, including carrying water.
- Access to appropriate facilities for addressing lactation needs.
- Counseling.

The district shall not require documentation for establishing reasonable modifications or providing equal access to educational programs and activities unless such documentation is required in accordance with law or other Board policies and administrative regulations.[3][7][8] [9][11]

## **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations for implementing this policy.

**NOTE:** DO NOT use language requiring a student who is married to declare their marital status upon enrollment or at the time of marriage if marriage occurs after enrollment.

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