Policy

**PREGNANT STUDENTS/STUDENTS WITH CHILDREN/**

**MARRIED STUDENTS**

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The pregnancy, maternal or paternal status, and/or marital status of a student will not impact his/her right to receive a public education nor his/her privileges as a student in the district nor his/her opportunities to take part in the district’s educational program or extracurricular activities.

Pregnant students, students with children, and married students are required to attend school under state attendance laws. The attendance status of pregnant students will be determined by the student and the student’s physician. The district may require medical documentation of absences to the extent necessary to comply with state law and in accordance with policy JH, *Student Absences and Excuses*.

In accordance with state law, the district attendance supervisor may grant an attendance waiver to a student who has a child if the supervisor determines that suitable day care is unavailable. The student must consult with the district attendance supervisor or his/her designee in a timely manner to consider all available day care options, or the district will consider the student to be in violation of the compulsory attendance law which provides penalties for non-attendance.

Upon the recommendation of the student’s physician or APRN, a pregnant student will be provided medical homebound for as long as it is deemed medically necessary, during which time the student will be entitled to the same services provided to other students who are on medical homebound instruction.

Cf. JH, IHBF

Adopted ^

Legal References:

1. United States Code of Laws, as amended:
2. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C.A. Section 1681, *et seq.*
3. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
4. Section 40-33-34(D)(2)(b) - APRNs may complete homebound certification unless otherwise provided in his/her practice agreement.
5. Section 59-65-10, *et seq.* - Compulsory attendance for ages five through 17.

1. S.C. State Board of Education Regulations:
2. R43-241 - Medical homebound instruction.