

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Springfield, New Jersey 07081

POLICY: MARRIED/PREGNANT PUPILS

No pupil, whether married or unmarried, who is otherwise eligible to attend the district's school(s) shall be denied an educational program solely because of pregnancy, childbirth, pregnancy-related disabilities, or actual or potential parenthood.

The Board reserves the right to require, as a prerequisite for attendance in the regular classes of the school and the extracurricular program of the school, that each pregnant pupil submit to periodic medical examination by a physician at the intervals prescribed by the physician.

Pregnant pupils shall be permitted to continue in school in all instances when continued attendance has the sanction of the expectant mother's physician. The physician's approval of this continued attendance must be on file at the school.

A pregnant pupil who does not wish to attend regular classes or who is physically unable to do so during her pregnancy may request evaluation to be assigned to either a formal alternative educational program or home instruction.

A pupil who has received an alternate educational program or home instruction for reasons associated with her pregnancy shall be readmitted to the regular school program upon her request and the written statement of a physician that she is physically fit to do so.

Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq. Law Against Discrimination

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-20 Discrimination prohibited

N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1 et seq. Managing for Equality and Equity in Education

20 U.S.C.A. 1681 - Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

The Comprehensive Equity Plan, New Jersey State Department of Education

Cross References:

5141.3 Health examinations and immunizations

5145.4 Equal educational opportunity

6145 Extracurricular activities

6154 Homework/makeup work
6172 Alternative educational programs
6173 Home instruction

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