

EDUCATION FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS

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The Orange County Board of Education ensures that pregnant and parenting students are not discriminated against or excluded from school or any program, class, or extracurricular activity because they are pregnant or parenting students. Furthermore, the Board expects pregnant and parenting students to have the same educational opportunities or its equivalent, as other students. To support programs and activities that assist pregnant and parenting students to remain and succeed in school, the use of At-Risk Student Services funds shall be used as needed. Therefore, the Board supports the following rights of its pregnant and parenting students in the school district.

1. Pregnant and parenting students shall have the right to attend school.
2. Pregnant and parenting students shall receive homework and make-up work to remain current with assignments and to avoid losing course credit due to excused absences.
3. Pregnant and parenting students shall have access to a homebound instructor when medically necessary.
4. The attendance status of pregnant students shall be determined by the student and her physician. Homebound instruction services shall be made available to pregnant students up to two (2) weeks prior to due date and up to six (6) weeks after delivery.- Exceptions to these timelines will be considered **ONLY** when the student's physician has placed her on "bed rest."
5. At the conclusion of the medical absence for pregnancy, the student shall be reinstated to the status she held when the medical leave began.
6. All documented absences incurred by parenting students due to their child's illnesses and medical appointments shall be excused absences.
7. No student shall bring his/her child or the child of anyone else to school for a visit during regular instructional time, except as a specific part of an instructional program, i.e., Parent and Child Development.
8. School officials may limit the activities of a pregnant student if her physician states that an activity might be potentially hazardous to the health of the pregnant student or the unborn child. The limitation of these school activities shall not impact the academic status of the pregnant student.

Legal Reference: G.S. 115C-375.5