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Administrative Regulation

1. Purpose

The Carroll County Board of Education supports all students in the pursuit of an education. COMAR 13.A.08.01.06, Annotated Code 7-301, and Senate Bill 232 allow for pregnant and parenting teens to continue their education with supports and programming, as needed.

2. Scope

These administrative regulations apply to all students who are pregnant or parenting a child.

3. Responsibilities

The Director of Student Services serves as the Superintendent's Designee to provide oversight and direction for these regulations.


4. Procedure

Educational Programming

A student who is pregnant or parenting who has not completed his/her high school education, may elect to remain in a regular school program and may not be involuntarily excluded from any part of the program. The decision to modify a student's educational program shall be reached in collaboration with the student, the student's parent/legal guardian, school personnel and appropriate community providers, if needed.

Educational programs and supports - may include the following:

1. Continuation of the regular school program;
2. Modified school schedule ;
3. Extra time to complete missed assignments
4. Online credit recovery courses
5. Home and hospital teaching
6. Alternative education programs

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7. School health services
8. School counseling services
9. Pupil personnel services
10. Referral to any community agencies
11. Additional supports as needed


It is the responsibility of the local school system working, with the student and parent/legal guardian, to collaborate with other community agencies, and private physicians to assure that a pregnant or parenting teen receives supports and services to assist the student in meeting academic success.

Student Attendance

- A. A student's absence due to pregnancy or parenting is a lawful absence from school. This includes all absences due to:
 1. Labor
 2. Delivery
 3. Recovery, and
 4. Prenatal and postnatal medical appointments.
- B. A parenting student shall be provided a minimum of 10 school days of excused absences after the birth of the student's child. Additional absences may be granted with administrative approval.
- C. All parenting related absences due to an illness or a medical appointment of the student's child shall be excused. A minimum of 4 school days per year shall be granted before a physician's note may be required.
- D. All absences due to a legal appointment involving the pregnant or parenting student that is related to a family law proceeding shall be excused, including appointments for adoption, custody, and visitation.

Makeup Work

A student shall be given an opportunity to make up all missed work in a time period that equals at least as many days that the student was absent. In the case of an extended absence, a plan to make up the work will be developed in consultation with the student, parent/legal guardian, and school staff.

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Implementation

- A. School staff shall refer a pregnant student to the school nurse and notify the Pupil Personnel Worker to assess for needs, make referrals, and provide resources and supports to the student.
- B. A pregnant student may continue to attend his or her current educational program if desired, or a modified or alternative program, as determined in collaboration with the parent/legal guardian, and staff.

Additional information

- A. Additional information may be found in the health services manual and the student services manual (medical services, attendance, home and hospital teaching).
- B. The attendance policy shall be published on the Carroll County Public school website in the student services manual.

5. Effective Date

October 11, 2017