Medway Public Schools Medway, MA

SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY

Policy # 56

Pregnant Students

School-age mothers, unless they receive adequate assistance, might drop out of school without acquiring the necessary education.

Pregnant students will be permitted to continue in school in all instances and to participate in extracurricular activities throughout their pregnancies. A physician's approval of this continued attendance is not required. The student and her physician, in cooperation with the school staff, will develop an appropriate educational plan if and when it is agreed she should no longer attend school regularly.

Every effort will be made to see that the educational program of the student is disrupted as little as possible; that health counseling services, as well as instruction, are offered; that return to school after delivery is encouraged; and that every opportunity to complete high school is provided.

No student shall be suspended, expelled, or otherwise disciplined on account of marriage, pregnancy, parenthood, or for conduct which is not connected with any school-sponsored activities, provided, however, that in the case of a pregnant student, the school committee or school administration may require that the student be under the supervision of a physician.

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