

BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY 9100
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR
PREGNANT STUDENTS

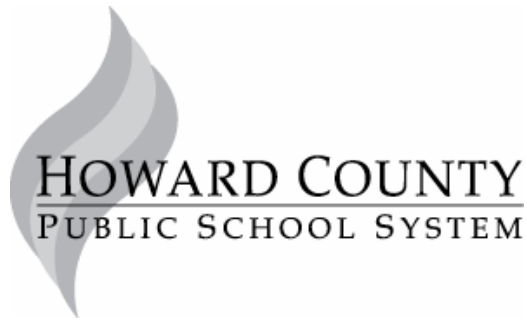
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Policy Statement

The Howard County Public School System recognizes its responsibility to provide educational programs for pregnant students under circumstances which are mandated by the Maryland State Board of Education - COMAR 13A.08.01.03.

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I. Definitions

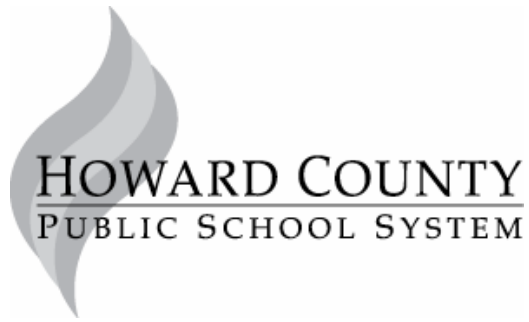
Program for pregnant students includes instructional service, counseling, social services, and psychological services for all pregnant students.

II. Regulations

- A. A student who is pregnant, who has not completed a high school education, may elect to remain in the regular school program and may not be involuntarily excluded from any part of this program. The decision to modify this program shall be reached by appropriate educational, medical, and paramedical personnel in joint consultation with the student.
- B. A student who is pregnant, who is under compulsory school age, may voluntarily withdraw from the regular school program provided that the student enrolls in an appropriate educational program.
- C. Appropriate school programs may be:
 - 1. Continuation of the regular school program (modified in terms of individual needs)
 - 2. Enrollment in a special school or special class for pregnant students, e.g., Teenage Parent and Child Care Program.
 - 3. Home teaching
 - 4. Individualized instructional program to be approved by the Director of Pupil Services
- D. It is the responsibility of the local school system working with the home to cooperate with other state, county, and city agencies, such as health, welfare, and juvenile services and with private physicians or agencies to ensure that the pregnant student receives proper medical, psychological, and social services before termination of pregnancy and for as long as needed thereafter.

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- I. A pregnant student under the age of 16, who requests to leave the regular school program, will be provided an appropriate alternate program.
 - II. The principal, in consultation with health personnel, and the student may modify the regular program.
 - III. Pregnant students who request health support will be assisted by the school health assistant or school nurse.

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