

School Age Parents

Code #342.61

Students in the Tri-county Area School District shall have an equal opportunity to participate in study activities, extra-curricular programs, student services, and any other program or activity without regard to pregnancy, marital status, or parental status.

The Tri-County Area School District recognizes both the right of and need for school age parents to continue their education. School age parent means any person under the age of 21 who is not a high school graduate and is a parent, an expectant parent or a person who has been pregnant within the immediately preceding 120 days. Accordingly, the school system, in keeping with the resources available to it, is committed to offering such alternative programs as are needed to accommodate individual students within the spirit of equal educational opportunity for all pupils of the District. In accordance with state law, the Board shall make modifications and services available to any school-age parent in the District program that will enable the student to continue his/her education.

The District will actively seek and strive to achieve a cooperative relationship with other community and county agencies in order that together the agencies can provide comprehensive educational and supportive services to school age parents and their families.

Further, the Board shall authorize the establishment of a program for school age parents designed to provide services and instruction to meet the needs of school age parents, including education on the skills required of a parent; family planning, including natural family planning; and instruction on adoption and adoption services.

Students will have the option of remaining in school with such program modification as may be prescribed for medical purposes.

The Board and/or school employees shall not, in any manner, compel a pregnant student to withdraw from her regular education program. Pregnant students cannot legally be forced to leave school unless attendance would endanger their health.

A homebound program will be provided only if there is a physical or psychological necessity as certified by a physician, psychiatrist or psychologist, or by other appropriate medical practitioners.

Request for program modifications and services should be requested through the school counselor. Principal approval of program modification and services is needed before they

can be officially implemented. The principal shall consult with the District Administrator when a program modification shall exceed budgetary limits.

Legal References: Sections 115.91, 115.915, 118.13, 118.15 (4m), Wisconsin Statutes

Cross Reference: 411.00, Equal Educational Opportunities

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