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STUDENT PREGNANCY

School-age mothers, unless they receive adequate assistance, might drop out of school without acquiring the necessary education or without marketable skills. It is the policy of the Milton Public Schools to preserve educational opportunities for those students who may become pregnant and/or take on parenting responsibilities while enrolled in school.

A student who self identifies her pregnancy has an initial assessment for health and safety by the school nurse. At this confidential assessment an individualized plan is created for each student with consultation and collaboration between student, parent/guardian, nurse, and if appropriate and medically necessary, the physician. There is ongoing monitoring of the student's health and safety and assistance by the school nurse to the extent that the student requests this assistance. There is no physician certification required for the pregnant student to remain in school. Each student may participate in a full school day and all school and extracurricular activities.

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.

Legal References: M.G.L. c.71§84; Title IX: 20 U.S.C. §1681; 34 CFR §106.40(b)

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