

PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS

The Ledyard Board of Education will provide all pregnant students and students with children, hereinafter referred to as “parenting” students, with the same educational instruction or its equivalent as other students. Pregnant and parenting students shall not be discriminated against or excluded from school or any program, class, or extracurricular activity because they are pregnant or parenting students.

The school system may provide programs to meet the special scheduling and curriculum needs of pregnant and parenting students. Student participation in these programs shall be voluntary, and the instruction and curriculum must be comparable to that provided to other students.

A pregnant student may remain in the regular school program as long as their physical and emotional condition permits. Any variation from a pregnant student's continuance in regular classes shall be based upon their specific needs.

Homebound and hospitalized instruction shall be provided in accordance with Connecticut State Department of Education regulation 10-76d-15.

Homework and make-up work shall be made available to pregnant and parenting students to ensure that they have the opportunity to keep current with assignments and avoid losing course credit because of their absence from school.

Pregnant and parenting students shall be given excused absences from school for pregnancy and related conditions for the length of time the student's physician finds medically necessary. This includes absences due to illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child for whom the student is the custodial parent.

Pregnant and/or parenting students under seventeen (17) years of age may request permission from the Superintendent to attend adult education classes. Should the Superintendent deny such request, the pregnant and/or parenting student may appeal in writing such decision to the Board.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes 10-184 (last amended by Public Act (PA):

10-73d. Request of certain students to attend adult education classes. Assignment.
(PA 12-120)

10-76d. Duties and powers of boards of education to provide special education programs and services. Determination of eligibility for Medicaid. Development of individualized education program. Planning and placement team meetings. Public agency placements; apportionment of costs. Relationship of insurance to special education costs. (PA 16-163)

10-184. Duties of parents. School attendance age requirements. (PA 09-6)

10-186. Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance. Hearings. Appeals to state board. Establishment of hearing board. Readmission. Transfers. (PA 17-237)

Connecticut State Department of Education Regulations:

10-76a-1. General definitions.

0-76d-15. Homebound and hospitalized instruction (subsection b4).

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681-1688).

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