

MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Medford Area Public School District shall provide a school-age parent program in accordance with state law requirements. The program shall be designed to provide services and instruction to meet the needs of school-age parents, including education on the skills required of a parent/guardian; family planning, including natural family planning; and instruction on adoption and adoption services.

The school-age parent program will be designed to:

- Enable school-age parents to remain in school until graduation.
- Provide prospective parents with information so that they are aware of resources available within the community.
- Work with the school-age parents and their families to encourage proper medical attention.
- Encourage and make it possible for a pregnant student to remain in the regular school setting as long as possible before delivery and to return to school as soon as possible after delivery, assuming physical and emotional readiness.
- Provide instruction in areas of particular need which will assist the school-age parent in caring for their needs (emotional and medical) and for the needs of their child.
- Provide knowledge and information related to decision-making about future family planning.
- Assist school-age parents to explore alternatives and encourage realistic and reasonable decisions regarding their future education.
- Provide needed counseling and emotional support, designed to promote a good self-concept. As needed, students and their families will also be referred to community agencies for counseling and therapy.
- Encourage involvement and participation in counseling and educational planning by the pregnant student's parent(s)/guardian(s) and, where appropriate, by the prospective father.
- Assist school-age parents choosing to keep their children, by helping them to assume their parental responsibilities.
- Provide vocational guidance, career development and education for employment activities.
- Explain the impact of adoption on birth parents and children who have been adopted.
- Explain that the adoption process may be initiated even after a child has been born and has left the hospital.

- Instruct in the following areas:
 - Prenatal and neonatal care.
 - Child development.
 - Infant and child care.
 - Nutrition.
 - Family planning including natural family planning.
 - Information on the options available and the procedures followed in independent and agency adoptions, including current practices regarding a birth parent's involvement in the selection of an adoptive home and the sharing of information between birth parents and adoptive parents.

CROSS REFERENCE: JB

LEGAL REFERENCE: §118.13, §118.15(4m) and Ch. 115, Subch. VI, Wis. Stats (PI 19), Wis. Admin. Code Title IX of the Education Amendments, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973