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Purpose

A student who is eligible to attend programs in the center (school) shall not be denied admission to the center (school) or an educational or vocational program solely because of marriage, pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions or potential or actual parenthood.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

Definitions

Pregnancy, as defined in state **regulations**, shall include the use of assisted reproductive technology, the state of being in gestation, childbirth, breastfeeding, the postpartum period after childbirth and medical conditions related to pregnancy.[\[5\]](#)

Authority

The Joint Operating Committee directs that students who are married or experiencing pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions or parenting shall have equal access to the same educational programs, activities and services provided to other center (school) students.[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

The Joint Operating Committee directs center (school) staff to make reasonable modifications to Joint Operating Committee policies, administrative regulations and school rules as necessary to provide equal access to the center (school)'s educational program for a student experiencing pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions or parenting. Reasonable modifications may include, but are not limited to:[\[6\]](#)

{X } Breaks during class to address lactation needs or health needs, including eating, drinking and restroom use.

{ X } Intermittent absences to attend medical appointments, in accordance with Joint Operating Committee policy.[\[7\]](#)

{ X } Voluntary leave of absence as deemed medically necessary by the student's licensed healthcare provider.[\[7\]](#)

{X } Access to online or homebound instruction, or other separate but comparable program of the center (school)'s educational programs and activities.[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)

{ X } Changes in schedule or course sequence.

{ X } Extensions of time for coursework or rescheduling of tests and examinations.

{ X } Allowing the student flexibility in sitting and standing, and changes in physical space or supplies, including carrying water.

{ X } Access to appropriate facilities for addressing lactation needs.

{ X } Counseling.

The center (school) shall not require documentation for establishing reasonable modifications or providing equal access to educational programs and activities unless such documentation is required in accordance with law or other Joint Operating Committee policies and administrative regulations.[\[3\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

The Administrative Director or designee shall develop administrative regulations for implementing this policy.

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Legal	1. 24 P.S. 1326
	2. 22 PA Code 12.1
	3. Pol. 103
	4. Pol. 201
	5. 16 PA Code 41.204
	6. Pol. 103.1
	7. Pol. 204
	8. Pol. 117
	9. Pol. 124
	43 P.S. 951 et seq
	16 PA Code 41.201 et seq

[22 PA Code 4.4](#)

[22 PA Code 12.4](#)

[20 U.S.C. 1232g](#)

[29 U.S.C. 794](#)

[34 CFR Part 99](#)

Pol. 146