

Attendance**ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS--MARRIED STUDENTS; PREGNANT STUDENTS; STUDENTS WHO ARE PARENTS**

Florida Statute 232.01, Subsection (3)(d) exempts from compulsory school attendance the following: married students, students who are pregnant, and students who have had a child outside of wedlock. The same statute provides further, that these students shall not be prohibited from attending school; that these students shall be entitled to the same educational instruction or its equivalent as other students but may be assigned to a special class or program better suited to their special needs.

In accordance with the authority indicated above, and in compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 86.21, the Florida Education Equity Act, and the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, the School Board establishes the following rule in regard to the aforementioned categories of students:

1. **Married Students** - Any student who marries prior to graduation will be permitted to continue in the regular school programs, or, after voluntarily withdrawing, return to the regular school program.
2. **Pregnant Students** - Any student who is pregnant will be permitted to continue in the regular school program, or voluntarily attend the COPE Centers (Continuing Opportunity for Purposeful Education) and receive the specialized services for pregnant students. Such students will be permitted to reenter the regular school programs and will be given the same consideration as other students experiencing temporary disabilities.
3. **Students Who Are Parents** - Any student who becomes a parent will be permitted to continue in the regular school program.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 232.01(3)(d); 230.23166 F.S.

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