

**EDUCATION FOR
PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS**

The Avery County Board of Education will provide all pregnant and 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.

In accordance with State law, the district shall use, as needed, supplemental funds from the At-Risk Student Services allotment to support programs for pregnant and parenting students. 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 the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the student is the custodial parent. 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 and, to the extent necessary, a homebound teacher shall be assigned.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-375.5

Cross References: Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying (policy 1710/4021/7230), Equal Educational Opportunities (policy 4001), Attendance (policy 4400)

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