

## Policy

## Board of Education of Caroline County

Title: Pregnant and Parenting Students

Reference: III.34.30

### A. Purpose

For the purpose of creating and clarifying excused absences for pregnant and parenting students enrolled in Caroline County Public Schools.

### B. Policy Statement

The process of education requires continuity of instruction, classroom participation, learning experiences and study in order to maximize the educational benefits for pregnant and parenting students. Certain circumstances related to pregnancy and parenting should be certified absences from school, allow students to make up work from these absences.

### C. Rationale

Each local school system must have an attendance policy for pregnant and parenting students effective July 1, 2017.

### D. Definitions

1. Adoption – The legal process whereby a person assumes the parenting of another child, and the permanent transfer of all rights and responsibilities, along with filiation, from that child's biological parent or parents.
2. Custodial parent - is the parent who has either sole physical custody of the child or the parent with whom the child resides for a majority of the time.
3. Visitation - Permission granted by the court to a parent to visit his or her child or children.
4. Parent - A person who is or is acting as the mother or father of a child.

### E. Implementation Guidelines

1. The Superintendent will develop regulations to implement this policy.
2. The Office of Pupil Services will ensure a communication plan for attendance requirements related to pregnant and parenting students.

F. Expectations for Evaluation, Review, and Update

1. The Superintendent will advise the Board of Education on the specific regulations that will implement this policy.
2. The Superintendent will provide the Board of Education a yearly review of progress in implementing this policy.
3. The Superintendent will develop and present to the Board of Education annual plans for communicating this information to parents and students.

G. References

Education Article Section 7-301.1

H. Effective Date: August 1, 2017

I. Date Adopted: November 7, 1989

J. Date Revised: August 1, 2017