

Regulation 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. Responsible Office

Department of Pupil Services

C. Background

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

D. Procedures

1. A student's absence due to a student's pregnancy or parenting needs is a lawful absence, provided the absence meets the following conditions:
  - a. All absences due to pregnancy or parenting related conditions be excused for labor, delivery, recovery and prenatal medical appointments.
  - b. Provide 10 days of excused absences for a parenting student after the birth of the student's child.
  - c. Excuse any parenting related absences due to illness or a medical appointment of the student's child, including up to 4 days of absences per school year for which the school may not require a note from a physician.
  - d. Excuse any absence due to a legal appointment involving the pregnant or parenting student that is related to family law proceedings, including adoption custody and visitation.
2. The pregnant or parenting student will be allowed to make up the work that the student missed in a time period that equals at least as many days that the student was absent.

E. Monitoring and Compliance

1. The Principals, Directors of Instruction and Supervisor of Pupil Services will annually review the effectiveness of this regulation and make recommendations to the Superintendent as necessary.

F. Policy Adopted Date: November 7, 1989

G. Policy Effective Date: August 1, 2017

H. Regulation Approval Date: November 7, 2006

I. Regulation Revision Date: August 1, 2017

J. Regulation Implementation Date: August 1, 2017