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## PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

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You have the right to be treated with dignity and respect.

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You have the right to be free of discrimination. No one can kick you out of school because you are pregnant or a parent.

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Your school must excuse absences due to pregnancy or childbirth for as long as your doctor says it is necessary. All your teachers are required to give you a reasonable amount of time, after the conclusion of those absences, to make up the work you missed.

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Separate programs or schools for students who are pregnant or parents must be completely voluntary. You cannot be forced to attend a separate school.

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You have the right to the same opportunities as other students. If you attend a separate program, the classes and the activities offered must be equal to those at a mainstream school.

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Special services that are provided for temporarily disabled students must also be provided for pregnant students. If temporarily disabled students get at-home tutoring to help them keep up with work, so should students who miss school because of pregnancy or childbirth.

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Pregnant and parenting students do not have to turn in a doctor's note to continue going to school or to participate in activities unless all students with medical conditions are required to do so.

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You have the right to be free of harassment and bullying. This includes sexual harassment, like being called a "slut" or having sexual rumors spread about you at school.

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You have a right to privacy. Teachers and other school officials do not have the right to disclose your pregnancy to anyone without your permission.

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You have the right to be free of retaliation. If you complain to school officials or your Title IX coordinator, teachers and administrators cannot retaliate or punish you for speaking out.

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## DON'T TOLERATE DISCRIMINATION – TAKE ACTION

### REPORT

Are you being called names or intimidated because you are pregnant or a parent? Is a teacher refusing to excuse pregnancy-related absences? Are you being pressured to attend an alternative program?

If you experience any kind of trouble at school because you are pregnant or parenting, report the problem to a school administrator or to your school's Title IX Coordinator right away.

### DOCUMENT

Keep notes with dates and details of all pregnancy-related absences, all incidents of sexual harassment, and all interactions with school officials related to your pregnancy.

If you report an incident or ask the school to accommodate your needs, be sure to make a note of those requests as well as the outcome of each report.

### ADVOCATE

The National Women's Law Center cares about your success.

Visit us at:  
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