



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

Section: **Students**

Policy: **Student Pregnancy**

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POLICY

The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board shall make every effort to ensure that students who are experiencing a pregnancy have the opportunity to continue their education and shall provide counselling which may be needed during and following the pregnancy.

REGULATIONS

Education Act, Section 21 (1) and (2) (h)

Child and Family Services Act

Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

BOARD REGULATIONS

1. Principals shall expect all staff to treat pregnant student with respect and compassion and emphasize the supportive role of the school.
2. Each school shall identify a counselling team to whom a student may be referred.
3. The school, through its counselling team, shall be prepared to offer support to the student and her family to enable her to continue her education in the school, or arrange for alternative education if necessary, as well as facilitate the family's contact with the appropriate social agencies.
4. Where appropriate, the father of the child and his family shall be offered counselling during and following the course of the pregnancy.
5. The student's right to privacy shall be safeguarded as much as possible.

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Related Policy:

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