

**Policy Number:****342.61****Title:****School-Age Parent Programs**

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A school-age parent means any person under the age of 21 who is not a high school graduate and is a parent, an expectant parent or a person who has been pregnant within the immediately preceding 120 days. Wisconsin Statutes Section §115.91

1. A school-age parent may continue to be enrolled in school as a regular student on a full-time basis, with the days missed for delivery of the baby and recovery being considered medically excused absences.
2. In the event full-time enrollment is not possible, a school-age parent may continue to be enrolled as a regular student on a part-time basis.
3. If neither of the first two options is feasible, some flexibility in programming will be considered available to the student, and with the approval of the administration in collaboration with the student's classroom teachers.
4. Homebound instruction may be provided under the general Department of Public Instruction and statutory guidelines for homebound instruction which include:
  - a. Receipt of a physician's statement which declares the student physically or emotionally unable to attend school (DPI form);
  - b. If provided, a homebound teacher will have a valid Wisconsin teacher's license; and
  - c. A student services team recommendation that homebound instruction is the most appropriate program to meet the student's needs.
5. With regard to truancy procedures on a student who is not yet eighteen, the district, through its truancy officer, is required to meet the regulations of the compulsory education act. Furthermore, the district is legally responsible to meet the educational needs of all students. Therefore, the district shall take whatever steps as may be necessary to insure that school-age parents under eighteen attend school or receive an education under other appropriate programs.
6. Credit for child care and pregnancy courses taken outside the district shall be allowed on the basis of existing guidelines including the number of in-class hours and course outcomes as determined by the building administration and the Director of Instruction.
7. Additional available services may be made to the school-age parent by:
  - a. School counselors, to provide for any scheduling or counseling needs which may arise;
  - b. The county public health nurse, to assess health care needs of the student and facilitate access to county and/or state funded resources to meet medical and financial needs; and
  - c. The school nurse and social worker to provide information about outside services which may be needed.

LEG REF: Wisconsin Statutes Section §115.915, §118.13

CROSS REF: 411 Equal Educational Opportunities

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