

ILLINOIS MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE ACADEMY®

SECTION J
STUDENTS

PREGNANT STUDENTS

The Academy has an educational and residential responsibility to all students including those who are pregnant. A known student pregnancy must be reported to the Director of Student Life by any employee of the Academy other than the nurse and school counselor who are bound by ethical standards of confidentiality. The purpose of such a confidential communication is to notify the Director of Student Life of the situation so that he may assess the situation and determine the appropriate resources for the well-being of the student.

It will be the obligation of the Director of Student Life to inform the Principal and the parents or legal guardian of the student's pregnancy and to request a physician's statement verifying the pregnancy and health condition of the student. The student will have the opportunity to inform her parents/guardian prior to official action by the Director of Student Life.

Decisions concerning the educational future of a pregnant student at the Academy will be made by the Director of Student Life after consultation with the student, her parents/legal guardian, a licensed physician, Academy school counselor and nurse, and other appropriate personnel.

If it is determined that the student will remain in school, a written statement from a licensed physician verifying the pregnant student's health condition must be submitted along with a student and parental waiver of Academy responsibility for pregnancy-related injuries or diseases.

A pregnant student shall be permitted to continue her education at the Academy so long as she may continue to do so as a residential student. An academic program will be planned for the student by the Director of Student Life in consultation with the student, her parents, her attending physician, and other appropriate Academy personnel. If the student is no longer able to participate as a student in the Academy's academic and residential program, she will be placed on medical leave and returned home in accordance with practices relating to medical leave. The student's return to the Academy shall be as agreed upon with the Director of Student Life in accordance with the Academy's re-admission policy.

If it is determined that the student will not remain at the Academy, the Academy will assist the student in her transition to another school if such placement is appropriate.

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