



# **Nebraska State Board of Education**

## Model Policies

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- 03/03/2017 – G20(S9)  
(Reorganized Board Policy Reference Manual with new designated letters for categories of policy [P], bylaws [B] and position statements [S]. G20 is now S9.)
- 05/05/2017 – S9  
(Reaffirmed.)
- 04/02/2021 – S9  
(Reaffirmed.)
- 12/02/2022 – S9(MP 9)  
(Reorganized Board bylaws and policies with new designated letters for categories of position statements [PS], model policies [MP] and resolutions [RS]. S9 is now MP 9.)

#### Cross-References

- 92 NAC 10 (Rule 10)
- 79-2,140 R.R.S.
- 79-2,141(4) R.R.S.

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when such certification is required of students for other conditions requiring attention of a licensed healthcare provider.

Any absences accumulated due to pregnancy or pregnancy related conditions, or care for an ill child, should not count towards any district policies in effect under Nebraska compulsory attendance requirements under Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 79-201 through 79-210. Pregnant and parenting students with excused absences or tardiness shall be treated like all other students with excused absences or tardiness for any other medical reasons.

Pregnant and parenting students will be provided with assignments, classwork and any additional needed support to ensure the student keeps up with class requirements when absent.

Alternative means to complete course work:

At least one alternate method, in addition to traditional classroom instruction, will be available to keep pregnant and parenting students in school. Such accommodations may include accessing coursework on line, home based independent study, or at home tutoring. Alternative methods of instructions or other alternative programs for pregnant and parenting students are voluntary for the student and the student may elect whether to engage in an alternative method of instruction or the traditional methods of instruction available to their peers. Pregnant and parenting students shall be allowed to attend their regular classrooms and complete regular coursework.

Lactation:

Reasonable time and space to accommodate lactating students to express breast milk or breastfeed during the school day will be provided. Such accommodations will be in a location, other than a bathroom or closet, that is private, clean, has an electrical outlet, a chair and is reasonably accessible. Students shall also be provided a food safe refrigerator to store breast milk safely.

Child Care:

If in-school child care is not provided, a list of qualified licensed child care providers will be provided to pregnant or parenting students. Such list shall be updated annually and include providers that

participate in the quality rating and improvement system and meet all of the quality rating criteria for at least a step-three rating pursuant to the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act. Nothing in this policy is intended to prohibit or limit any referral for a student or a student's child to an early head start program or any other available community resources.

Privacy and Confidentiality:

Pregnant and parenting students have the right to have their health and personal information kept confidential in accordance with law. School staff should make every effort to keep personal information and health records confidential and in compliance with Nebraska and federal law.

Information about students' pregnancies and related conditions should not appear in their cumulative record and cannot be used when they are being considered for educational or job opportunities, awards or scholarships.

Other Accommodations:

Pregnant and parenting students shall be notified that they may request additional reasonable accommodations to ensure continued participation and enrollment in school. Accommodation requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Such accommodations may include but are not limited to: additional frequency allowed for bathroom breaks, additional time allowed in between class periods, a larger desk or additional work space, and adjustments to requirements for physical education as needed.

Bullying and Harassment:

Pregnant and parenting students have the same rights as other students to be free from discrimination, bullying, and harassment. Such school policies are incorporated herein and apply to all students.

Policy Dissemination:

All students, staff, and parents must be informed of this policy at the beginning of each school year and shall be incorporated into the student handbook.

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Board Action History

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Cross-References

- 79-201 through 79-210 R.R.S.
- 20 U.S.C. §1681
- 34 C.F.R. §106.40
- LB 427 (Nebraska Legislature 2017)

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