

DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

BOARD POLICY / REGULATIONS

Board Policy Number: 4.90

Subject: Pregnant Students in Dufferin-Peel Schools

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It is the policy of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board that should a student registered in a school within the Board's jurisdiction become pregnant, every effort will be made to provide that student with an opportunity to continue her education and to provide counselling which she may need during and following the course of the pregnancy.

REGULATIONS

4.90 PREGNANT STUDENTS IN DUFFERIN-PEEL SCHOOLS

Principals should make all staff aware of the Board's policy statement regarding pregnant students in the school. The Principal will emphasize the supportive role of the school and also the right to privacy of students who are sixteen (16) years of age or older.

Each school should identify a counselling team to whom a student may be referred.

The school, through its counselling team, should be prepared to offer support both to the student and her family re continuing her education in the school, arranging for alternative education provisions, if necessary, and putting the family in touch with appropriate social agencies.

The Principal should be kept informed of the progress of such counselling.

If the student is under the age of sixteen (16) years, or if there is danger to the physical or psychological health of the student, a parent(s)/guardian(s) must be told.

If the father of the child is identified and has admitted paternity, is under sixteen (16) years of age, and is a student in any school under the jurisdiction of the Board, he and his family should be offered counselling during and following the course of the pregnancy. As noted in a) above, Principals will emphasize the right to privacy of students who are sixteen (16) years of age or older.