6.11 MARRIED AND PREGNANT STUDENTS

Marital, maternal, or paternal status shall not affect the rights and privileges of students to receive a public education or to take part in any program or activity offered in the Franklin Local School District.

Married students under the age of eighteen (18) are subject to the compulsory school attendance laws and are required to attend school unless excused in accordance with law.

Married or unmarried pregnant students shall not be excluded from school. As soon as the pregnancy is medically confirmed, the Board recommends that the student consult with a member of the student personnel staff or the principal to plan her educational program.

The Board of Education reserves the right to require as a prerequisite for attendance or participation, that a pregnant student provide to the principal or designee a written statement from her physician certifying that attendance in regular classes or participation in extracurricular activities will not be detrimental to her health or the health of her baby.

With the staff member involved, the student may elect any of the following educational plans or suggest alternatives:

A.   She may remain in her present school program, with modifications as necessary, until the birth of her baby is imminent or until her physician states that continued participation would be detrimental to her health or the health of the baby.

B.   When information has been obtained from the student's physician indicating that the student is unable to attend school, home-bound instruction is available at school expense until her physician states that she is physically able to return to school.

C.   With Board approval, she may temporarily withdraw from school and enroll in an approved educational program in which she can continue her education.

An effort will be made to ensure that the educational program of the student is disrupted as little as possible, and that she is encouraged to return to school after the birth of her baby and complete requirements for graduation.