

Oregon Teen Parents Public Education Fact Sheet

There are numerous things to consider when pregnant or parenting students are enrolled in your school district. Funding and technical assistance is available to support these high risk, high needs moms and dads as well as their children. In order to be in compliance with state and federal laws, appropriate supports and services must be in place.

Oregon Revised Statute 336.640 requires school districts to, at a minimum:

District Requirement	Support Available for Implementation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform pregnant and parenting students and their parents of the availability of parenting education services in the school district, education service district or in the community; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You may have district staff or families contact Crystal Persi, ODE Consultant for Teen Parenting (see contact information below) to get a complete list of programs that are available in your community.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate the provision of such services, including counseling, life skills and parenting education, child care, transportation, career development and health and nutrition services to pregnant and parenting students; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting Education Standards and Curriculum are available to download at the following ODE link: www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=269
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform pregnant and parenting students and their parents of the availability of resources provided by other agencies, including health and social services; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Parenting Hubs • Home Visitation Services (Healthy Families/Relief Nursery, etc.) • Maternity Case Managers • DHS – Self Sufficiency • Contact Crystal Persi for information on these and other resources in your community.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide educational programs and schedules that address the individual learning styles and needs of pregnant and parenting students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double ADM for enrolled mothers and fathers • Child Care Subsidy through Office of Child Care • An individualized planning form for determining these needs and how they are met is available at: www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=2355 • Contact Crystal Persi for ideas on how to develop programs that meet the needs of your district and pregnant or parenting students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop individualized educational programs or services, or both, to address the needs of pregnant or parenting students when their educational needs cannot be met by the regularly provided school program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double ADM for enrolled mothers and fathers • Child Care Subsidy through Office of Child Care • 504 Plans for any modification needed for pregnancy related concerns (transportation, bathroom privileges, seating, absences, etc.) • An individualized planning form for determining these needs and how they are met is available at: www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=2355
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt policies and guidelines for implementation of parenting education services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples of district policies can be provided through contacting Crystal Persi.

ORS 336.640 further states that:

- No pregnant or parenting student shall be excluded from the public schools solely on the basis of pregnancy or parenthood.
- For purposes of reporting enrollments, school districts may count eligible students who are receiving pregnancy and/or parenting services, in the same category as students eligible for special education

OAR 581-23-100 states that in order for a district to receive double weighted funding the student must:

- Be identified through systematic procedures established by the district
- Be enrolled and receiving services described in ORS 336.640(1)(b) and (d)
- Have an individualized written plan for such services (see Supports available for implementation section above).

Title IX, section 106.40 states that:

- A school shall not discriminate against any student, including any class or extracurricular activity, on the basis of her pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy or recovery from such conditions, unless the student requests voluntarily to participate in a separate portion of the program or activity.
- A school may require a physician's certificate from a pregnant student stating that she is physically and emotionally able to return to school, so long as such a certification is required of all students for other physical or emotional conditions requiring the attention of a physician.
- Schools that operate separate programs reserved for pregnant or parenting students must allow admittance to be completely voluntary on the part of the student, and must ensure that the separate program is comparable to that offered to non-pregnant students.
- Schools must treat pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy and recovery from these conditions in the same way that other temporary disabilities are treated. Any policies or services that are offered to students with other temporary disabilities must be offered to pregnancy related conditions as well.
- Schools must grant a leave of absence for pregnancy or pregnancy related conditions for as long as is deemed medically necessary by the student's physician. When the student returns they shall be reinstated to the status which she held when the leave began.

**ORS 659.850 specifically prohibits discrimination in education as a state law aligning with
Title IX**

For more information, support, clarification, or just brainstorming, please contact Crystal Persi, ODE Consultant for Teen Parenting. She can be reached by phone at (541) 510-5704 or through email at crystal.persi@gmail.com.