



Educational Rights of Pregnant & Parenting Students

Jaycie's Law

Students with children throughout any age in middle or high school should be given the utmost support, because they face a unique set of challenges and circumstances on their road to graduation. School systems in WV shall implement programs to provide educational support to those students with children at any age through graduation. The goal of Jaycie's Law is to assist these students to stay in school while providing enough time for proper medical recovery after the birth of their child.

Educational Services & Supports

- Upon request, WVVA can support the student during pregnancy and up to eight weeks postnatal, with medical documentation. Absences beyond eight weeks shall require additional documentation from the doctor.
- With required documentation, all absences due to pregnancy or parenting needs will be excused, including labor/delivery, recovery, and pre/postnatal medical appointments.
- Within the first 10 weeks after the baby's birth, the putative father may request up to two weeks of excused absence from school.
- With required doctor's excuse, one parent may be excused from school for illness or medical appointments of the child.
- In the event that the child requires hospitalization, both parents may be excused from school. Documentation of hospitalization is required.

Resources:

WVU Healthy Start/HAPI Project

- 304-293-3840
- <https://medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/obgyn/west-virginia-healthy-starthapi-project>

WIC

- <https://dhhr.wv.gov/>

Birth to Three

- <https://www.wvdhhr.org/birth23/>

Pregnancy Resource Center

- <https://www.wvmothersandbabies.org/>



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