Austin ISD Pregnancy Related Services

Pregnancy Related Services (PRS) are a combination of Support Services and Compensatory Education Home Instruction (CEHI). These services are available to a pregnant student during pregnancy prenatal and postpartum periods to help her adjust academically, mentally and physically and to remain in school.

Support Services are provided during the prenatal period of pregnancy and while the student is still attending school, as well as during the prenatal or postpartum period while the student is at home or hospital for a valid medical necessity or recovering from delivery and being served with PRS CEHI. Examples of Support Services the student may access are counseling, health services provided by school nurse, case management and service coordination.

Compensatory Education Home Instruction (CEHI) is academic instruction offered to the student in the home or hospital. The number of hours per week of instruction by a certified teacher varies according to student needs and attendance is reported according to TEA formula. This service is provided under different circumstances:

- 1) Prenatal Confinement. If the student cannot attend school on campus due to a valid medical necessity documented by a nurse practitioner or licensed physician licensed to practice in the United States. A medical release must be obtained by the medical or nurse practitioner to return to campus for any reason, including to take standardized tests. There is no limit to the number of events or the length of each event.
- 2) <u>Postpartum Confinement</u>. A student who has delivered a live, aborted, or stillborn baby, suffered a miscarriage or death of a newborn, or placed a baby up for adoption can be served, beginning the day of or the day after delivery for up to six consecutive weeks at home or hospital.
- 3) Extended Postpartum Confinement. Four additional weeks of CEHI may be provided a student when a valid medical necessity of the mother or child exists as documented by a licensed physician licensed to practice in the United States.
- 4) <u>Break-In-Service Confinement</u>. This service is for a maximum of ten weeks in length, divided into two periods in instances when the infant remains hospitalized after delivery. The student may return to school while the infant is hospitalized, then return to CEHI when the infant is home. When the student returns to school between the two CEHI periods, the student will not be coded PRS. A medical release will be required for the student to return to campus.