

DE SOTO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL-AGE PARENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Program Staffing

1. The alternative educational program shall be under the supervision of the high school guidance counselor and the high school principal.
2. Certified teachers shall be utilized for the educational instruction.
3. The school nurse shall work with the student to provide knowledge and skills in maternal health practices, child care and family planning.
4. The school psychologist shall be involved in the staffing of the student, to assist in the establishment of the student's educational program.
5. Social services and other agencies, shall be notified by the high school guidance counselor and involved in the program if their services are appropriate for the student's needs.
6. Volunteers will be utilized, if available and appropriate to the identified student needs.

Program Structure

1. When a student has been identified as being pregnant and/or a school-aged parent, the high school counselor and the school nurse shall meet with the student to provide the student with educational and guidance opportunities and outline the services that are available.
2. The high school guidance counselor shall meet with the student and obtain a medical statement for school-age parents from the student's physician or evidence of paternity.
3. The high school guidance counselor and/or the school psychologist, shall conduct a meeting, including the appropriate school personnel, the parent(s)/guardian(s) if agreeable with the student, and social services, if

appropriate, to discuss and identify the need for an alternative educational program.

4. The high school guidance counselor, school nurse, and social services shall provide each program student with information on related material and health support systems and resources as required by state law and regulations. The high school guidance counselor and school nurse shall coordinate individual or group counseling for program students, to assure that students have sufficient knowledge and skills in maternal health practices, child care and family planning.
5. The high school guidance counselor shall conduct an ongoing program evaluation regarding each student's progress in the courses that they are involved in. Tutoring will be provided if the student progress is not sufficient for the course work.

Homebound Instruction

1. When the student's physician certifies that it is necessary, the alternative educational program shall be provided through homebound instruction, which shall be established on an individual basis.
2. The District shall assure that the program will provide the student the opportunity to continue or complete courses that the student is currently enrolled in.
3. The student's course work will be altered, if necessary, to adapt to the homebound program, while providing the student the opportunity to acquire the same objectives and goals as outlined in the course curriculum.
4. The District will provide a certified teacher to tutor the student. The time involved will be determined by the teacher and the student's physician.
5. The District shall assure that the student will be provided the opportunity to complete the graduation requirements as appropriate to the student's grade placement.

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