

### **St. HOPE Public Schools Pregnant, Family, Parental and Marital Status Policy**

St. HOPE Public Schools (SHPS) applies no rule concerning a student's actual or potential parental, family, or marital status that treats students differently on the basis of sex. (5 CCR § 4950; 34 CFR § 106.40[a]).

SHPS does not exclude or deny any student from any educational program or activity solely on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom. (5 CCR § 4950[a]; 34 CFR § 106.40[b][1]).

Pregnant students and parenting male or female students are not excluded from participation in their regular school programs or required to participate in pregnant-student programs or alternative educational programs. (5 CCR § 4950[c]; 34 CFR § 106.40[b][1]).

Pregnant/parenting students who voluntarily participate in alternative programs are given educational programs, activities, and courses equal to the regular program. (5 CCR § 4950[c]; 34 CFR § 106.40[b][3]).

SHPS treats pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, and recovery therefrom in the same manner and under the same policies as any other temporary disability. (5 CCR § 4950[d]; 34 CFR § 106.40[b][4]).

SHPS provides reasonable accommodations to a lactating pupil on a school campus to express breast milk, breast-feed an infant child, or address other needs related to breast-feeding. A school shall be required to provide the reasonable accommodations specified only if there is at least one lactating pupil on the school campus. Reasonable accommodations under this section include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

1. Access to a private and secure room, other than a restroom, to express breast milk or breast-feed an infant child.
2. Permission to bring onto a school campus a breast pump and any other equipment used to express breast milk.
3. Access to a power source for a breast pump or any other equipment used to express breast milk.
4. Access to a place to store expressed breast milk safely.

SHPS provides a lactating pupil on a school campus with a reasonable amount of time to accommodate her need to express breast milk or breast-feed an infant child.

SHPS ensures that a pupil does not incur an academic penalty as a result of her use, during the school day, of the reasonable accommodations specified in this section, and pupils are provided the opportunity to make up any work missed due to such use.

### **Processing Complaints of Discrimination, Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying**

SHPS has adopted a process for receiving complaints of and investigating complaints of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying. The "St. HOPE Public Schools Uniform Complaint Procedures" is available upon request.

SHPS has designated the below compliance officer. The compliance officer shall receive and investigate complaints and ensure compliance with the law. The Superintendent/CEO may appoint a designee to conduct the investigation.

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(EC § 222[a], [b], and [e])