



United Independent School District

Pregnancy, Education, and Parenting (P.E.P.) Program

P.E.P. Guidelines

The United Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, color, creed or race. All students who meet eligibility requirements and follow the guidelines will receive services.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES

1. Be currently enrolled at U.I.S.D.
2. Be currently pregnant and/or parenting.
3. If pregnant: proof of pregnancy is required from a U.S. physician or clinic.
4. If married: submit a copy of a marriage certificate.
5. Be willing to enroll in a parenting class and participate in P.E.P. activities. This will prepare you and guide you as you assume your parenting role.

ATTENDANCE

1. You must comply with U.I.S.D. attendance requirements to receive credit in any class.
2. Keep a record of dates and reasons for absences. This will be useful if you have an attendance hearing.
3. Childcare will be provided for you only while you are physically in class or in a school related activity.
4. Unauthorized departure from school or class while baby is at day care will result in possible suspension of services.
5. Should you leave campus, you must pick-up your child at the day care facility.

GRADES AND DISCIPLINE

1. When necessary, you must attend tutoring sessions.
2. School suspension will result in loss of services. You must re-apply for services when you return.
3. You must always conduct yourself appropriately. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action according to Student Code of Conduct.
4. Placement at S.T.E.P. Academy will make you ineligible for transportation services.

WRITTEN WARNING

If you violate any of the P.E.P. guidelines, you will receive a written warning. You will immediately meet with staff to discuss the matter. Failure to meet with us will result in temporary loss of services. A second written warning within one academic year may result in termination of services (or specific services) as determined by P.E.P. program committee.

PROGRAM SERVICES

HOME INSTRUCTION:

Important: Home Instruction is provided to participants who have been medically certified to remain at home due to pregnancy related problems. You are to remain home unless you have medical appointments. The Compensatory Education Home Instruction (C.E.H.I.) teacher will monitor your compliance with attendance guidelines.

THE DISTRICT ATTENDANCE POLICY IS ALWAYS IN EFFECT

1. It is your responsibility to submit a Medical Statement for Home Instruction immediately to the P.E.P. staff to start home instruction. *(Do not hold on to this form once it is signed.)*
2. You are responsible for getting and returning your books during home instruction. Books must be made available at each home visit.
3. The C.E.H.I. teacher will provide instruction for work beginning and ending with official home instruction dates only. Other outstanding material is left up to the teacher(s). We are not responsible for work not completed before or after home instruction dates.
4. If you will be absent for the home session due to an emergency or illness, you must inform your C.E.H.I. teacher as early as possible and before the scheduled visit.
5. Appointments must be made outside of home instruction hours. Otherwise, you will be marked absent.
6. **An adult (18 years or older) must be present during home visits.**
7. Any change of address/phone number must be reported to our office before the next scheduled visit. Failure to do so will result in a referral to the attendance office and suspension of services.
8. C.E.H.I. may provide instruction at home or at the hospital.
9. If you refuse home instruction, you may be dropped from school.
10. There is no home instruction during the summer or during school holidays.

CHILD CARE

Child care will be provided to you when you:

1. Apply with and provide Child Care Services (C.C.S.) (794-1500) with all required documents.
2. Follow P.E.P. guidelines.
3. Comply with school district guidelines.
4. Are physically in class.

****Child Care Services will be provided whether or not you qualify for C.C.S. Should you not qualify for C.C.S. you must turn in the Notification of Denial Form (No. CC-2052) so the P.E.P. Program can cover your child care expenses.**

TUITION ASSISTANCE

1. See P.E.P. Counselor

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Qualified students may receive job skills training and/or employment referral through P.E.P.. Please speak to P.E.P. Coordinator or Counselor.

CAREER PLANNING AND COUNSELING

1. The P.E.P. Program Counselor and Coordinator will provide or coordinate individual and group sessions to address the personal, academic, economic, and social needs you may have. State law requires that cases involving child abuse/neglect, suicidal/homicidal thoughts or behavior, drugs, and underage runaways be reported immediately to the proper authorities. All other matters will remain confidential.
2. Pregnant participants who have not informed their parent(s)/guardian(s) of their pregnancy will be encouraged to inform them within a given amount of time. Any complications in pregnancy must be reported immediately to parent(s) or guardian(s).

CASE MANAGEMENT AND REFERRAL

The P.E.P. Coordinator or Counselor will work on a service plan with you. Appropriate referral(s) will be made to other agencies or individuals as necessary. The P.E.P. program will provide special presentations to keep you informed about community and governmental resources, etc. if in doubt, ask. We want to address your special needs.

WITHDRAWAL FROM PROGRAM

We hope you will stay with us until you graduate. However, if you plan to leave school, you must contact the P.E.P. program Coordinator/Counselor to schedule a conference.

TRANSPORTATION

1. Participants needing transportation to day care must inform staff immediately.
2. Social Service and medical appointments should be made after school hours. Please contact PE.P. staff with any transportation concerns.
3. **Participants who will not be attending classes must call the transportation department before 5:30 a.m. that day. * North (473-6330) *South (473-5230)** Failure to do so once will result in a written warning. Failure to do so the second time will result in loss of P.E.P. bus transportation. In order to resume transportation, student must contact P.E.P. staff.
4. Absolutely no eating or drinking is allowed in the P.E.P. bus (this does not apply to babies bottles).
5. P.E.P. bus transportation is a privilege. Keep the bus clean. This includes safety seats and baby foods, diapers, etc. P.E.P. staff will monitor bus.
6. You will be picked up at address given to the school during enrollment.
7. Participants receiving P.E.P. bus transportation must not delay when being picked up or when taking their babies to the day care center.
8. Under no circumstances will students who have forgotten their personal belongings (for example, purse, books, WIC cards, etc.) be taken back to retrieve them. The P.E.P. bus does not make unauthorized stops.

**It is the policy of United I.S.D. not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.