Know Your Rights: Pregnant and Breastfeeding Students in Pennsylvania

You have the right to **equal treatment** in school, even when you are pregnant, breastfeeding, producing breast milk, or experiencing a related limitation.

This means you have the right:

**To stay in your school.**
- You can choose to attend a separate program, but your school can't force you.

**To stay in your extracurricular activities, sports, and special societies.**

**To be treated like other students with temporary disabilities.**
- Your school must give you the same special services.
- Your school must impose the same requirements for permission to participate from a medical provider, nothing more.
- Your school can require medical tests only when there is a legitimate health concern.

**To reasonable accommodations, which may include:**
- A larger desk.
- More frequent bathroom trips.
- Elevator access.
- Break time for breastfeeding or expressing breast milk.

**To be free from harassment.**
- Verbal acts and name-calling.
- Graphic and written statements.
- Harassing conduct.

**To medical leave for as long as is medically necessary.**
- Without loss in status in academics or extracurricular activities.
- With the opportunity to make up missed work.

**To ask for your rights.**
- Your school cannot take action against you if you make a request or complaint.

You also have the right to **confidentiality** regarding your medical information.

A public school cannot share information about your pregnancy status without your consent.

**THESE RIGHTS MAY NOT APPLY TO EVERY STUDENT. CONTACT THE WOMEN’S LAW PROJECT FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ADVICE ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO:**
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