

## **PREGNANCY COUNSELING**

It shall be the policy of the Chariho Regional School District that the matter of pregnancy counseling be handled in the following manner:

Any student who believes that she is pregnant and confides this information to any staff member shall be immediately referred to the school nurse.

Upon receiving such a referral, the following procedures will be implemented:

1. Student will be counseled to confide in her parents/guardians. This will be the case regardless of age. In the case of a student under the age of eighteen, if the student refuses, the nurse or counselor will contact the parent/guardian.
2. Parental involvement will be required for those under eighteen, but will be encouraged for all. The nurse will insure that the parents/guardians are providing medical evaluation and, if appropriate, prenatal care. If this is not happening, the nurse will treat it as a case of medical neglect and will pursue with the proper authorities.
3. Medical confirmation of the pregnancy is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. With permission from the parent/guardian, high school students may use the nurse to facilitate care.
4. The district will use the services of all its health and human services staff to provide an adapted educational plan for both pre and postnatal students.

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