

Chapter PI 19

EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL AGE PARENTS

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PI 19.01 Applicability and purpose. This chapter establishes program approval criteria for school age parent programs.

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PI 19.02 Definitions. In this chapter:

(1) "Board" means the school board in charge of the schools of a school district.

(2) "CESA" means a cooperative educational service agency under ch. 116, Stats.

(3) "Department" means the Wisconsin department of public instruction.

(4) "Parent" means mother, father, or legal guardian.

(5) "Program coordinator" means the person or persons designated by the board under s. PI 19.03 (1).

(6) "Pupil services personnel" means school psychologists, school social workers, school counselors, and nurses serving the schools.

(7) "School age parent" means any person under the age of 21 who is not a high school graduate and is a parent, an expectant parent or a person who has been pregnant within the immediately preceding 120 days. School age parent does not include any person whose parental rights have been terminated.

(8) "State superintendent" means the state superintendent of public instruction.

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PI 19.03 Establishment of school age parent programs. Under s. 115.92, Stats., a board may establish a program for school age parents who are residents of the school district. A program may be operated by the board or under agreement with a CESA, or under s. 66.30, Stats. The program shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The board shall designate a person or persons to coordinate the school age parent program.

(2) Each board establishing a program for school age parents shall have on file a written plan which includes a description of goals and objectives, staffing, implementation procedures, and local means of evaluating the program. The board shall ensure that the plan and program are in compliance with s. 118.13 (1), Stats., especially those provisions which prohibit discrimination on the basis of pregnancy or marital or parental status.

(3) Annually the board, CESA, or fiscal agent for an agreement under s. 66.30, Stats., shall submit a program plan to the department for approval. The plan shall indicate the number of pupils expected to be served, personnel who will be serving the program, estimated salaries, and anticipated costs of the program. Annually following completion of the approved program, the board, CESA, or fiscal agent for an agreement under s. 66.30, Stats., shall submit a report to the department indicating actual costs, the number of school age parents instructed or otherwise provided service, their resident school district, and the period of time each was instructed or otherwise provided service.

Note: Form PI 2314 Plan and Report—School Age Parent Program is available at no charge from the Department of Public Instruction, Division for Management and Budget, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707.

(4) All teachers in the school age parent program shall hold a Wisconsin license to teach. All teachers providing instruction in the areas specified under sub. (6) (f), shall have earned at least 9 semester credits selected from the following:

- (a) Infant and child care.
- (b) Nutrition.
- (c) Fetal development.
- (d) Early childhood.
- (e) Child or adolescent development.
- (f) Maternal health and child care.
- (g) Adolescent psychology.
- (h) Family relationships.

(5) The pupil to teacher ratio in classes designed specifically for school age parents may not exceed 15 pupils to one teacher without prior department approval. Teacher aides may assist teachers in classrooms, in which case there may be 20 pupils for one teacher and one full-time teacher aide.

(6) The program shall include:

- (a) Instruction in basic skills for academic subjects.
- (b) Provision of social services to facilitate accessibility to needed resources including information on adoption resources.
- (c) Information on counseling services available in the school district and in the community.
- (d) Provision of vocational guidance, career development, and education for employment activities.
- (e) Information on related maternal and child health support systems and resources.

(f) Instruction in the following areas:

1. Prenatal and neonatal care.
2. Child development.
3. Infant and child care.
4. Nutrition.
5. Family planning including natural family planning.

(7) The program shall be designed to allow pupils enrolled to meet the high school graduation requirements under s. 118.33, Stats., and ch. PI 18.

(8) The program may utilize infant day care services and parenting skills programs under s. 46.99, Stats.

(9) At least annually, the board shall evaluate the program for purposes of determining the effectiveness of the program and the need for modifications to the program. Copies of the evaluation shall be provided to the department. The evaluation shall examine the extent to which the following were accomplished:

- (a) The stated goals and objectives of the program were met.
- (b) Pupils in the program demonstrated satisfactory progress in basic skills acquisition and progress toward high school graduation under s. 118.33, Stats.
- (c) Pupils in the program demonstrated a basic knowledge of maternal health practices, the acquisition of child care techniques, and family planning.

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PI 19.04 Participation in school age parent programs.

(1) (a) A pupil or a pupil's parent may request participation in the program through the program coordinator.

(b) A teacher, school nurse, school psychologist, school social worker, school counselor, administrator, or any other professional required to be licensed under s. 115.28 (7), Stats., who is employed by the school district and has reasonable cause to believe that a pupil is a school age parent shall, with permission of the pupil or a minor pupil's parent, refer the pupil to the program coordinator.

(c) A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker, counselor, teacher, administrator or professional employe of a public or private health or social service agency who has reason to believe that a pupil is a school age parent may, with permission of the pupil or a minor pupil's parent, refer the pupil to the program coordinator.

(2) Prior to offering enrollment in the school age parent program, the program coordinator shall:

(a) For female pupils, require medical verification of pregnancy or a birth certificate or other evidence which legally establishes parenthood.

(b) For male pupils, require evidence of paternity by one of the following methods:

1. Marriage.
2. Adoption.
3. Presumption of paternity under s. 891.41, Stats.
4. Determination of paternity under s. 767.45, Stats.

(3) Upon determination that a pupil is eligible to enroll in a school age parent program, the program coordinator shall inform the pupil that participation in the program is voluntary and the pupil may select from the following placement options:

(a) Continuation in the regular school program with supportive services provided by pupil services personnel;

(b) Attendance in an educational program designed specifically to meet the needs of the school age parent;

(c) Home study programs for school age mothers as provided under s. 118.15 (1) (d) 5., Stats., during pregnancy and in the 120 days immediately following pregnancy; and

(d) Hospital instruction for school age mothers during periods when the pupil is hospitalized both prior to and following delivery.

(e) Other programs and services which may be available to pupils identified as children at risk under s. 118.153, Stats.

(4) The program coordinator shall conduct a meeting to include the school age mother or the school age father or both; the parents of pupils who are under age 18; teachers; and pupil services personnel prior to a pupil's entry into the program to discuss the following:

(a) Each pupil's current educational program;

(b) Program modifications, if any, needed to accommodate the pupil's pregnancy or child care requirements or to accommodate the pupil's part-time job necessary to provide support for the child; and

(c) Special programming available.

(5) The program coordinator shall outline each pupil's educational and service program plan in writing. This plan shall have the written consent of the school age parent and his or her parents. If the pupil has reached the age of majority or is otherwise emancipated, parental consent is not required.

(6) When a pupil ceases his or her participation in the school age parent program prior to graduation from high school, the program coordinator shall develop a plan for the transition to the regular school program.

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PI 19.05 Reimbursement. (1) Contingent upon receipt of the written report and statement of receipts and disbursements under s. 115.92 (2), Stats., the state superintendent shall authorize reimbursement to the board, CESA, or fiscal agent for an agreement under s. 66.30, Stats., for the following approved costs for school age parent programs which have been approved under s. PI 19.03 (3):

(a) Salaries for teachers and instructional aides. Salaries for aides for home study programs are not reimbursable;

(b) Special transportation;

(c) Other expenses approved by the state superintendent.

(2) Aids paid to school districts for day care programs under s. 46.99, Stats., shall be paid as provided under s. 115.93 (1m), Stats.

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