TRIUMPH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS (TPHS) BOARD POLICY MANUAL

POLICY GROUP 3 – STUDENTS MARRIED AND PREGNANT STUDENTS

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Sec. 1. MARRIED STUDENTS

Married students have the same rights and responsibilities as unmarried students. This includes the right to participate in any extracurricular activities on the same basis, and subject to the same requirements, as unmarried students.

If TPHS receives federal funds, it shall not apply any rule concerning a student's actual or potential marital status that treats students differently on the basis of sex. 20 U.S.C. 1681; 34 CFR 106.40.

Except as expressly provided by law, a student who has been married in accordance with Texas law has the capacity and power of an adult, regardless of age. *Family Code 1.104*.

Sec. 2. PREGNANT STUDENTS

TPHS shall not discriminate against any student or exclude any student from its education program or activity, including any class or extracurricular activity, on the basis of the student's pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom, unless the student requests voluntarily to participate in a separate portion of TPHS's program or activity.

Pregnant students have the right to continue their education during pregnancy and may choose to exercise that right by:

- 1. Remaining in the regular school program.
- 2. Participating in any other special program TPHS may provide for pregnant students.

The student may also choose to request a leave of absence. Such request shall be accompanied by a licensed physician's certification that the leave is a medical necessity. Students who avail themselves of this option are exempt from compulsory attendance during the period certified by the physician as necessary for the leave of absence.

TPHS may require such a student to obtain the certification of a physician that the student is physically and emotionally able to continue participation in the normal education program or activity so long as such certification is required of all students for other physical or emotional conditions requiring the attention of a physician.

