



# SALISBURY

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## CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### **Student Pregnancy Policy**

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Student pregnancy and the surrounding issues and circumstances are very unique and difficult for the student involved, the family of the student, and the school administration. Should a student pregnancy occur, immediate emotional support, conversation, and information gathering is in order with all the aforementioned parties involved. It is deemed to be in the best interest of the student mother and the student father, as applicable to Salisbury Christian School, to refrain from attending school for the period of time while a suitable and appropriate plan is constructed. These days of absence for the student mother and/or father are considered excused and work can be made up according to the Make-Up Work Policy in the SCS Parent / Student Handbook.

For a student father and/or student mother who wishes to be considered for continued attendance and enrollment at SCS, the following process will be followed:

1. The female student must identify paternity of the child so that the father may be addressed in a similar manner as the mother, if a student at SCS.
2. A committee will be formed of wise, discerning, and prayerful members to include, at minimum, two school administrators, a faculty member, and a member of the Board of Governors. The committee will be made up of both male and female members.
3. Meeting(s) will be held with committee members, each student(s) involved, and their legal guardians to gather information and to ascertain the following:
  - The mindset and attitude of the student(s) and family members in regard to Biblical principles of premarital sexual activity and parenthood
  - The goals and desired outcomes of the student(s) and family members
4. The committee will review, discuss, and make a prayerful recommendation to the Board of Governors for a decision regarding the future attendance and enrollment of the student father and/or mother at SCS, including the following specific areas:
  - Academic parameters related to continued curricular progress up to and including requirements for graduation
  - Student participation in extra-curricular and other school activities
  - Requirements for counseling with the student's pastor or another agreed upon Christian counseling provider

Each decision will be made prayerfully, on a case-by-case basis, with full consideration of extenuating circumstances. The best interest of all involved will be considered, including the student mother and her family, the student father and his family (if applicable), the student body and their parents, and the school staff.

Furthermore, regardless of the decision made concerning future attendance and enrollment, the new child will not be permitted to attend any school activity or function while the student mother and/or student father is under 18 years of age. Exceptions may only be considered by the administration with prior approval. This principle is to ensure that the school does not convey to the student body that student parenting is a desirable student choice.