

**Pregnancy discrimination is illegal. The law clearly states that you have a right to continue your education, and that the school must excuse any time you take off related to your pregnancy.**

Be sure to notify your academic advisor and professors when you anticipate absences due to doctor's visits and childbirth. Your academic advisor can work with you if you require longer leave for maternity or related health issues.

The National Women's Law Center explains that *Title IX does not allow a school to discriminate against you because of pregnancy or any related conditions, because you have a child, or because of your marital status.* Your school cannot make you sign an agreement not to get pregnant, or punish you if you do get pregnant.

## **MODEL POLICY**

**Planned or unplanned, the university is committed to ensuring that pregnancy or parenting does not terminate an education.**

**Our support extends to undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and staff and includes all pregnant women, expectant fathers, birthparents, and parents.**

[Approximately one in four college students is also a parent.](#) You are not alone.

The central place on campus to go for help as a pregnant woman, expectant father, birthmother, or parent is \_\_\_\_\_. [Fill in the blank. ***Please clearly identify a central place on campus that will be the hub of services. Most of the schools Feminists for Life has worked with have determined Health Services to be the natural home for this.*** Contact Feminists for Life at [coordinator@ffloncampus.org](mailto:coordinator@ffloncampus.org) if you need help exploring this and other resources through a Pregnancy Resource Forum.<sup>SM</sup>]

Specific departments that provide support are listed in the student handbook and online.

**[Department listings and links should be placed throughout the handbook or online directory.]**