

# Re: Pregnant senior not allowed to graduate with class

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My sister was home schooled for awhile also, by a teacher from the city school system. She was ill and was not a student of the school in our jurisdiction. When she was well and could go back, then she was a student of our local school, but not before. Whether this girl was ill or pregnant, she required home schooling or going to another school. Evidently, she and/or her parents chose home schooling. That effectively disconnected her from that school system, and she was no longer a student of that school.

I'm not so sure it was for the girl's safety that they require pregnant girls to be home schooled, probably more for their own concern about lawsuits should anything happen to the baby. At least that is my take on it.

The handbook didn't have to say she couldn't participate in commencement because once you begin home schooling, you are not a student at that school and have no right to participate in that ceremony. She had to quit (or be perhaps expelled from) that school to be home schooled; one cannot be home schooled and still be a legal student at a school. There are stringent laws regarding home schooling.

They delivered her diploma to her at home. She was no longer a student ANYWHERE and since she was not a student at that point, she had no right to participate in the commencement ceremony of her previous school.

People throw around the word "rights" in a very cavalier manner. Just because someone wants something doesn't mean they have a "right" to it. Think about this: there is no right to decent housing (look at all the homeless people), there is no right to health insurance (look at all those who have none), there is no right to three square meals a day (look at how many go to bed hungry every night). In the grand scheme of things she was merely trespassing in a non-violent way and paid the price for it. She probably laughed all the way off the school grounds.

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DJGordon wrote:

Phyllis, it's not as if she were home schooled on the basis of her parents not wanting her to get an education at a particular school. That is where she wouldn't have a connection with a particular school. She was going to this school, got pregnant, started showing, the administrators decided to place her in home schooling for safety concerns....RIGHT! I was in a car wreck when I was 16 and was unable to physically attend classes for a full semester and I was home schooled. I was still a part of Marshall County High School and would have been allowed to have participate in any school activities that I was able to do physically.

The handbook did not state that if she was home schooled she would not be allowed to walk. The handbook did not state if she got pregnant she would not be allowed to walk. So where do any of you get that she's breaking school rules. There were no written rules stating she couldn't do what she did. NONE!!! And, yes, there is a "right" to let your family see you accepting a diploma. It's called attending school for 12 years and working hard to earn that diploma. That is a right. She earned it.

Dani

"Phyllis" <phyllisnilsson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:428F8FFE.8030003@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:428F8FFE.8030003@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Home-schooled children don't go to commencement ceremonies unless they are invited. She received her diploma at home. She no longer had any connection to the school so would not have been eligible for the commencement ceremony without an invitation (our schools issue tickets for those attending; free, but tickets nonetheless. She was in a Catholic school and knew what the consequences of her actions would be.

The decision to allow anyone to attend a private school is the purview of the school, not a doctor.

No one here said she got pregnant on purpose for any reason, school or otherwise. Where did you get that premise?

When we make a mistake, we pay the consequences. If

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I make a U-turn and get caught, I pay the fine. If I accidentally put a sock in with white clothes being bleached, the sock has to be thrown away because it changed color. If I were to go to a Catholic school and not follow the rules, I get to go home.

There is no "right" to public recognition, Dani. One thing pregnancy does for most girls is make them grow up fast and learn how to handle life. If this is the worst thing that ever happened to her (and it didn't because she did walk across the stage) she would be very luck indeed.

I haven' read anything here, not even in portions of the handbook posted here, that says she should be or was condemned for getting pregnant. I did say she should be applauded for continuing the pregnancy.

DJGordon wrote:

She wasn't not invited either. S