

FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	Reg. No. 400-72
Subject: EMANCIPATION OF STUDENTS	Date of Issue: 6/12/02
Preparing Office: Office of the Superintendent	Amended: 9/14/05

I. Policy

II. Procedure

A. For purposes of this regulation, an emancipated student is defined as a student in one of the following situations who attends Frederick County Public Schools:

1. Student is married.
2. Student has reached the age of majority (18 years) and has acknowledgment from a parent or legal guardian that he/she has assumed responsibility and primary financial support for him/herself.

B. An emancipated student will be responsible in all ways for him/herself and his/her actions.

1. An emancipated student will write his/her own notes explaining absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals from school. These notes, along with supporting documentation that the school may require from doctors or courts, will be the basis upon which the absence will be coded as lawful or unlawful.
2. An emancipated student will be issued interim reports, report cards, notification of progress toward graduation, and other legal school communications in person or by mail. He/She will be responsible for signing any forms or documents which must be returned to the school. He/She will decide whether or not to share any of this material with parents or others.
3. An emancipated student will receive due process in disciplinary actions and will be notified appropriately and directly of all consequences to be administered. He/She will decide whether or not to share any information about his/her school discipline with parents or others. The school will not include adult representation during questioning or conferences relating to behavior incidents, detentions, Saturday School, suspension, or any other aspect of discipline except where the student is legally entitled to and requests such representation.
4. The school reserves the right to contact the parent or legal guardian if a health or safety issue exists and school personnel determines the contact to be in the best interest of the child.

C. Parents' Rights to Student Records

Although not required, schools may disclose records to the parent of a dependent student provided the parent demonstrates proof that the student was declared as a dependent on their most recent income tax return. If, however, the student is emancipated and under the age of 18 due to marital status, upon request parents continue to have rights to student records until the child reaches 18 years of age.

- D. If a student wishes to be declared emancipated, he/she must submit an emancipation/age of majority application and submit a completed contract with required parental/legal guardianship signatures.
- E. This regulation in no way is meant to contradict provisions outlined under IDEA regarding special education students and access to the IEP process and records of special education students.
- F. Exceptions to this regulation may be granted on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the director of student services.

Approved:

Original signed by

Linda D. Burgee
Superintendent

Emancipation/Age of Majority Application

A. Frederick County Public Schools will recognize emancipation/age of majority status for any student who meets the following criteria:

1. Student is married.
2. Student has reached age of majority and can verify he or she is living separately and independently from parents, beyond their custody and supervision.

A conference must be held with a school administrator or his/her designee for review and signature of the Emancipation/Age of Majority application and contract.

B.

Parent(s) _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone: Father _____ Mother _____	Student _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Date of Application: _____
_____ Signature (parent/legal guardian)	_____ Signature (student) <small>By my signature, I attest to verification of emancipation as outlined under Section A.</small>

C.

TO BE COMPLETED DURING ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ONLY:						
Date of Conference: _____ Persons present during conference: _____ _____ If no conference was held, describe the reasons that made a conference impossible or inappropriate. _____ _____ _____						
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Emancipation/Age of Majority Contract

_____ has reached the majority age (18 years) and is no longer living within the custody
(student)
and supervision of his/her parents or has submitted verification of married status. Therefore, it is the
intention and agreement of _____ and his/her parents that he/she be responsible in all
(student)
ways for him/herself and his/her actions. Our signatures below indicate our understanding of and
agreement to the following conditions:

- 1, _____ will write his/her own notes explaining absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals from school. These notes, along with supporting documentation that the school may require from doctors or courts, will be the basis upon which the absence will be coded as lawful or unlawful.
2. _____ will be issued interim reports, report cards, notification of progress toward graduation, and other legal school communications in person or by mail. He/She will be responsible for signing any forms or documents which must be returned to the school. He/She will decide whether or not to share any of this material with parents or others.
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4. The school reserves the right to contact the parent or legal guardian if a health or safety issue exists and school personnel determines the contact to be in the best interest of the child.
5. The school will provide parents or former custodial adults with specific information about _____'s attendance, academic standing or discipline, only at the student's request and signed waiver of rights to confidentiality for each specific item of information to be released. If, however, the student is emancipated due to marital status and under the age of 18, upon request, parents continue to have rights to student records until the child reaches 18 years of age.

We agree to the above conditions. We further agree to the general intent that the student signed below will be responsible as an adult for his/her relationship as a student at _____ High School. The information on the Age of Majority Application is correct.

Parent Signature

Date

Administrator Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date