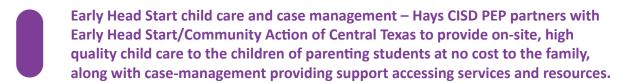
Hays CISD Pregnancy, Education and Parenting (PEP) Program

The Hays CISD Pregnancy, Education and Parenting (PEP) Program provides services for pregnant and parenting students enrolled in Hays CISD. The PEP program is relationship-based, student-centered, and family-focused, so services are individualized based on each student/family needs. These services include:





Pregnancy support –PEP problem-solves with the student and her family around increased absences due to pregnancy-related morning sickness or other issues; and provides childbirth education either directly or through accessing local resources

Advocacy for pregnant and parenting students - PEP supports students in identifying and overcoming barriers to academic success, including attendance/truancy, academic, or disciplinary challenges, and navigating homelessness and CPS involvement. PEP also participates in ARDS for students identified with special needs.

Elective credit Parenting class – pregnant and parenting students and expectant dads can enroll in the Parenting class offered at the high schools. Students can earn up to 2 elective credits for up to 4 semesters, with the opportunity for peer support while learning essential parenting skills including child development, appropriate guidance strategies, health, nutrition and safety for their child, and healthy relationship skills.

Fatherhood Engagement – PEP provides support services for the teen dads too – the services outlined above are available to the parenting and expectant male students, in addition to a teen-dad focused Fatherhood Engagement Program provided in partnership with Community Action of Central Texas.

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