

GRADS

The mission of GRADS is to promote:

- Personal growth
- Educational competence
- Economic self-sufficiency as socially responsible members of society

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It is the policy of the Lake Shore Compact that admission, educational and employment opportunities are provided to all without regard to race, color, national origin, sex or handicap.

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Graduation,
Reality,
And
Dual-role
Skills





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The program objectives for the students are to:

- Remain in school through graduation
- Appreciate the importance of positive health care for self and baby
- Learn positive parenting practices and knowledge related to child development
- Set vocational and career goals
- Balance work and family
- Delay subsequent pregnancies

WHAT IS GRADS?

GRADS is an in school, instructional and intervention program for pregnant students and young parents (male and female). GRADS classes help students apply practical problem-solving processing skills in:

Managing Work / Family Responsibilities

- *Expanding the concept of work/family*
- *Ongoing analysis of interaction of work/family roles*
- *Managing work/family responsibilities*

Relating to Other

- *Positive, caring relationships*
- *Effective communication*
- *Conflict management*

Assuming a Leadership Role

- *Citizenship and leadership in families and beyond*
- *Cooperation*
- *Evaluation of social conditions*
- *Using planning processes to achieve goals*

Solving Personal & Family Problems

- *Clarification of issues*
- *Making decisions for the well-being of self and others*



GRADS content areas include:

- *Self-formation*
- *Pregnancy, wellness & prenatal care*
- *Postpartum/neonatal care*
- *Parenting*
- *Enhancing child development*
- *Creation of a healthy, safe environment*
- *Relationships & social support systems*
- *Economic independence*
- *Employability*

GRADS students meet individually and in groups with the GRADS coordinator in their school.

GRADS class offers an opportunity for pregnant students and young parents to share ideas, to gain confidence and support, and to increase the likelihood that they will remain in school with little interruption until graduation.