



## **Local Law 94 Report**

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It is the New York City Department of Education's (DOE) policy that, upon the request of a student, parent or guardian, the principal of a school shall make available, where practicable, a lactation room, on an as-needed basis, for students, parents and guardians to express breast milk, provided that instructional services will not be disrupted.

The DOE also offers Living for the Young Family Through Education (LYFE), programming specifically for student parents. LYFE offers free early childhood education to children of student parents from age six weeks until the child is eligible for Pre-K through the DOE. LYFE supports parents' transition into parenthood by providing high-quality childcare, supportive counseling, academic guidance and advocacy services. LYFE operates in over 30 sites across the five boroughs, serving approximately 700 student parents annually. Many student parents attend high school in the same location as their child's placement, enabling student mothers to breastfeed their children during the school day.

In addition, the DOE provides employees needing to express breast milk at work with reasonable break time and a clean, private lactation space upon request. A new Chancellor's Regulation regarding the employee lactation accommodation policy is expected to be voted upon by the Panel for Educational Policy this fall.