

## Homebound Instruction

The purpose of homebound instruction is to maintain continuity in the educational process for those students who, because of a temporary extended illness or condition, cannot attend school. Homebound instruction shall not be used in lieu of the student's normal educational placement.

The district shall provide instruction, as appropriate, for students confined to home or hospitalized upon the request of parents and with the approval of the family physician.

1. In each instance the physician must certify that the student will be unable to attend school for the length of time specified and that he or she is capable of receiving home instruction. The physician also shall be asked to give an estimate of the probable length of the student's convalescence.
2. A parent should request the homebound/hospital instruction as soon as it is determined that the student's condition will require it so that instruction may begin as soon as the student is able to receive it.

Homebound instruction, although correlated with what the student is missing in the classroom, shall be geared to the student's needs and what the student is capable of doing during the period of convalescence. Textbooks and supporting materials shall be provided by the appropriate school.

The principal or counselor shall determine how many hours of weekly instruction students shall receive.

Preference shall be given to regular staff members, and particularly to the student's own teacher(s), when they wish to serve as homebound instructors. They shall be paid an hourly rate established annually by the administration.

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