

CHAPTER: INSTRUCTION  
TITLE: HOMEBOUND/HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

PURPOSE

Homebound/hospital instruction is designed for students who, due to injury or other reason as certified by a licensed physician, are homebound or hospitalized for a period of three (3) weeks or more. Home/hospital instruction cannot replicate classroom instruction and should be of the shortest duration possible.

ELIGIBILITY

Documentation must be provided that a student meets one of the following criteria:

1. The student has an injury, noncommunicable illness, or health condition which prevents her/him from attending school for more than three weeks cumulatively as diagnosed and confirmed by a licensed physician; or
2. The student has an injury or health problem/condition that requires the student to be homebound or hospitalized for a period that has lasted or will last more than three weeks as diagnosed and confirmed by a licensed physician.

A licensed physician must provide a written statement (Required Form) to the county school district that the student must remain at home or in the hospital for a period of three weeks or more. The written statement must include the specific reasons why the student must remain at home or in the hospital and the criteria or conditions under which the student can return to school and the expected date of such return.

If this is to exceed a nine-week period the parent will be requested to obtain a physician's update on the student's recovery, document treatment, and reasons for continued homebound instruction. This will be reviewed by the committee. If instruction continues beyond a nine-week period subsequent updates may be requested.

If no treatment is documented beyond a nine-week period the request shall be presented to the Calhoun Board of Education for approval.

The county superintendent may require that the parents obtain a second physician's opinion at the expense of the county school district.

Homebound/hospital services, provided for an exceptional student who is unable to attend school temporarily because of an injury, illness or health condition requires a change in the student's placement to Out-of-School Environment (hereinafter OSE) as defined by W. Va. 125CSR16, WVBE Policy 2419, Regulations for the Education of Exceptional Students (hereinafter Policy 2419), Section 5.1.5.g.E. The change of placement to OSE must be addressed by the student's IEP team and implemented in accordance with the requirements of Policy 2419.

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Upon receipt of the physician's statement (required form), the school will work to secure a homebound instructor and will then convene a Home/Hospital Instruction Committee meeting. The committee shall

include the principal or designee (chair), the parent/guardian, the regular teachers, the homebound teacher, and the student, if possible.

The Homebound/Hospital Instruction Committee determines the subjects appropriate for homebound/hospital instruction, determines amount of subject matter to be taught, and determines due dates for instructional assignments. The Home/Hospital Instruction Committee will make a recommendation to the county superintendent if instruction should exceed a maximum of three (3) hours per week. The Homebound/Hospital Instruction Committee will reconvene if the physician recommends continuation of homebound/hospital instruction beyond the initial expiration date.

#### PROGRAM DELIVERY

The homebound teacher will provide instruction within the school calendar year, at a time and place mutually agreed upon by parent/guardian and the teacher. The instructional schedule should consider the student's physical condition as specified by the physician's statement.

The homebound teacher is responsible for obtaining necessary instructional materials, working with the student's regular teachers to approximate regular instruction, making assignments, giving tests, grading work and reporting progress weekly to regular teachers, parents and building level administrator.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to assure that all instructional appointments are met and to inform the teacher if appointments cannot be kept. The parent/guardian must be present in the home at the time of instruction.

The school principal is responsible for monitoring the home/hospital instruction process as determined by the Home/Hospital Instruction Committee. The principal must report student progress to the county superintendent as requested or if problems arise.

#### RESTRICTION:

Students receiving homebound/hospital instruction are not eligible to attend or participate in extra-curricular events and activities.

REFERENCE: SBP 2510 and 2419 and WV Code 18-20-1

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