

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The Board shall provide, pursuant to requirements of the State Board of Education, individual instruction to enrolled students of legal school age who are not able to attend classes because of a physical or emotional disability.

Notification or request of a need for homebound instruction shall be made by a parent, ~~student~~, or legal guardian who provides one of the following:

- A. Written certification from the pupil's attending physician verifying that the pupil has a medical condition that requires the pupil to be hospitalized or to be confined to the home during regular school hours for a period of longer than five (5) consecutive school days. The certification must be by a physician who is either an M.D. or a D.O.; psychologists, chiropractors, or other professionals may not certify a person as eligible.
- B. Written certification from a hospital or licensed treatment facility verifying that the pupil has a medical condition that requires the pupil to be hospitalized in the facility during regular school hours for a period of longer than five (5) consecutive school days. (This includes pupils in psychiatric hospitals, substance abuse centers, or pupils placed in other medical facility placements by the parents or medical practitioner.)

To receive homebound/hospitalized instruction services, the student must:

- a) be unable to attend school because of a medical condition. Pupils who are able to attend school part-time are expected to do so and do not qualify for homebound and hospitalized service.
- b) be physically able to participate in instructional activities while at home or in the hospital.

Upon being notified of a placement by a hospital, treatment center or other treatment facility, or the pupil's parent or legal guardian, the District shall make arrangements to provide instructional services within three (3) school days after being notified.

The program of homebound or hospitalized instruction given each student shall be in accordance with regulations of the State Board of Education with such exceptions as may be recommended by the physician. Teachers of homebound special education students shall hold a Michigan teaching certificate appropriate for the level of instruction for which the assignment is made or for the type of instruction called for by an I.E.P.C. Teachers of general education students must hold a valid teaching certificate.

The District reserves the right to withhold recommendation for homebound instruction when:

- A. the confinement is expected to last under five days;
- B. the condition of the student is such as to preclude his/her benefit from such instruction.

The Superintendent, or his/her designee, shall develop administrative guidelines for implementing the policy.

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