

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The Board of Education shall provide home/hospital instruction to a student who is temporarily unable to attend classes for a period that has lasted or will last for more than three (3) consecutive weeks or more due to an injury or illness as certified in writing by a licensed physician who specializes in the health condition that may temporarily confine a student to home or a hospital.

Written documentation of the medical condition shall be provided by a licensed physician which written documentation shall include the:

- A. specific reasons and period of time that the student must remain at home or in the hospital; and
- B. criteria or conditions under which the student will return to school and the expected date of return.

Applications must be approved by the Education.

A written statement by a licensed physician who specializes in the health condition of the student must be resubmitted at least every three (3) months if a student's temporary home/hospital instruction is prolonged. The Board may require that the parent/guardian obtain an opinion from a second licensed physician who specializes in the health condition of the student at the expense of the Board.

Home/Hospital services must be designed to provide the student adequate opportunity to continue learning toward mastery of grade level content standards while they are temporarily confined to home or a hospital. These services may not replace full time instruction on an ongoing basis. The expectation is that the student will return to the regular classroom. The schedule for home/hospital services must include adequate instructional time and be provided at a location determined by the Board (not necessarily the student's home) when a responsible adult in addition to the teacher is present.

The Board shall develop and implement within their attendance policy procedures which shall outline and define the delivery of home/hospital services.

Since home/hospital services are temporary in nature, the home/hospital teachers are responsible for facilitating instruction only for approved content standards and objectives for core courses (i.e., English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies). The home/hospital services are guided by the student's classroom teacher(s), consequently, the home/hospital teacher must be in regular contact with the classroom teacher(s) to:

- A. secure and understand units/lessons, instructional plans and instructional resources (including approved online and virtual options), and
- B. establish procedures for the collection and return of student work to the classroom teacher(s) for feedback assessment.

The weekly instruction schedule will take into consideration the student's ability to attend/participate as specified by the licensed physician requesting home/hospital instruction.

Home/Hospital instruction 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 (OSE) as defined by West Virginia State Board of Education policy 2419. The change of placement to Out-of-School Environment must be addressed by the student's IEP team and implemented in accordance with the requirements of West Virginia State Board of Education policy 2419.

Home/Hospital services may also be provided temporarily at the direction of the Superintendent for students who have not met the immunization requirements of WV Code 16-3-4.

Teachers providing homebound instruction shall hold a West Virginia teaching license appropriate for the level of instruction for which the assignment is made.

Instruction will not be provided when:

- a. the instructor's presence in the place of a student's confinement presents a hazard to his/her health;
- b. a parent or other adult in authority is not at home with the student during the hours of instruction;
- c. the condition of the student is such as to preclude his/her receiving any benefit from such instruction.

West Virginia State Board of Education policy 2510
West Virginia State Board of Education policy 2419
West Virginia Code 18-8-1