

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

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Lebanon School District

117. HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

Purpose

Homebound instruction provides for educational instruction, in the home or hospital, for students who are deemed physically incapable of attending any potentially modified, daily educational program in the school setting by a medical health professional. The in home instruction is designed not to replace regular or special education, but rather to ensure that the student's academic skill level is maintained and to prevent the regression of skills.

Authority

The Board shall provide, pursuant to law and regulations, homebound instruction to students confined to home or hospital for physical disability, illness, injury, psychological/psychiatric condition, or urgent reasons deemed appropriate by a medical health professional. Homebound instruction can be applied for when the durations of these confinements will exceed three (3) weeks of school instructional time and shall not exceed three (3) months.

Delegation of Responsibility

Application for homebound instruction shall include: a Homebound Instruction Request Form, completed by the school counselor; a physician's letter that must be obtained by the parent/guardian that certifies the specific diagnosis of the illness or disability, states how the diagnosis prohibits physical attendance in the school setting, and lists the dates outlining the probable duration of the confinement.

The Director of Student Services or designee will review the application and determine if tutoring in the home is appropriate. In order to determine the appropriateness of homebound instruction, the district reserves the right to contact the recommending doctor to verify/clarify the doctor's orders. If needed the district may request a second opinion and require the student to be seen by the district's physician at district expense. Based upon the school physician's assessment, the district could deny homebound instruction, at which time the student would be required to return to school. The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to safeguard the privacy of each child placed on homebound instruction.

The Director of Student Services or designee may request approval from the Department of Education to extend the period of homebound instruction for an individual, which shall be re-evaluated after the initial three (3) months of service and every three (3) months thereafter.

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The district reserves the final decision on course content and credit. Course credit and student promotion of grade is at the discretion of the district based on academic standards set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. It is the responsibility of the district to provide a certified tutor and any related services needed to address student needs. Homebound assignments are provided by the student's current teachers and based upon work in the current course of study.

Parents/Guardians of the student must provide specific requirements for at home learning such as: adult supervision of the child during instruction, uninterrupted sessions, no eating unless medically necessary, and should work cooperatively with the tutor so that sessions do not require frequent cancellation or rescheduling. Inability to provide these requirements could lead to termination of homebound services.

Due to the need for homebound students to be removed from the traditional school setting for medical reasons, for the duration of the student's homebound experience, the child is not permitted to participate in any school related activities at the school such as, but not limited to, school sponsored sports, dances, play practices, or musical arts based programs.

Guidelines

The parent/guardian shall contact the building principal concerning a request for homebound instructional service for his/her child. The parent/guardian shall submit to the school a physician's letter that certifies the specific diagnosis of the illness or disability, states how the diagnosis prohibits physical attendance in the school setting, and lists the dates outlining the probable duration of the confinement. Once the documents have been completed, they will be forwarded to the Student Services Office at the district Administration Building.

Upon receipt of the completed Homebound Instruction Request Form, the Director of Student Services or designee will review and collect any needed documentation. Upon approval, the Director of Student Services or designee will notify the appropriate building principal/counselor who will secure and recommend for employment fully certified teachers to provide instruction for the homebound student. Such teachers will be paid at a rate approved by the Board and will follow the curriculum prescribed by the district.

The number of hours of instruction per week shall be set by state guidelines.

Concerns regarding specific homebound related issues either from the student's family or the certified instructor assigned to work with the family should be directed to the district's Student Services Office for review/resolution.

24 P.S. 1329
22 PA Code 11.25

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