

Hamilton County Board of Education

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The Board of Education recognizes the importance of providing hospital or homebound instruction to students who are physically unable to attend class for an extended period of time. The Department of Education, therefore, shall implement a Homebound Instruction Program according to this policy.

Eligibility

Any school-age person enrolled in a Hamilton County school is eligible for homebound instruction provided the following conditions are met:

1. The student must obtain a homebound request form from the school he or she regularly attends.
2. A licensed physician must sign the medical form stating that the student is unable to attend school because of pregnancy or a serious health or orthopedic impairment, but will benefit from instruction. The physician must state that:
 - a. The student is expected to be absent from school due to the condition for at least two (2) weeks following the date of certification.
 - b. The student has no contagious disease that would endanger the health of the teacher or for which contagious disease precautions (e.g., quarantine) have been taken.
3. If the student is confined to a hospital and the above conditions are met, instruction will be provided in the hospital and, if necessary, will be continued when the student goes home.
4. Pregnant students may be approved for up to six (6) weeks of homebound instruction, the dates of which are to be designated by a physician.
 - a. If, in the opinion of the physician, a student suffers complications from the pregnancy and is unable to return to class following the expiration of the initial six (6) weeks, the physician may certify the need for up to an additional two (2) weeks of homebound instruction.
 - b. The physician may recertify the need for additional homebound instruction in successive increments of not more than two (2) weeks.

Program

1. The homebound program will consist of three (3) hours of instruction per week by a certified and properly endorsed teacher.
2. The homebound teacher will develop the instructional program for the homebound or hospitalized student in collaboration with the classroom teacher(s).
3. The homebound teacher will evaluate the student's progress and provide grades for the term of home or hospital instruction to the school administrator.
4. The student on homebound may not be employed.

5. The student on homebound instruction may not participate in extra-curricular activities (sports, clubs, school events, plays, recitals, etc.) while on homebound status unless the student can participate virtually. Participation in in-person extra-curricular activities may resume after the student is released from doctor's care and the student is capable of attending school daily.
6. Attendance at homebound services will be reported to the Attendance Office. The homebound teacher must be notified if the student must be absent.
7. Parent/Legal guardian must be present during homebound instruction.
8. Parent/Legal Guardian will give sufficient notice to the homebound teacher if student is unable to meet for scheduled instruction. Homebound may be discontinued after two (2) canceled sessions or "no shows", unless sufficient excuse is provided.

Legal References:

1. 22 CFR §514.2
2. Immigration and Nationality Act § 214(3)(m)(1)

Cross References:

School Admissions 6.203