

BOARD POLICY: HOME/HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

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Section A

It is the policy of the Board of Education of District #225 that the Director of Special Education or the IEP Team consider the need for home/hospital instruction at District expense for a student who is unable to attend school for two or more consecutive weeks, or is absent on an ongoing intermittent basis, due to a medical condition.

Section B

The Director of Special Education shall designate a homebound coordinator at the student's school to implement home/hospital instruction. Requests for home/hospital instruction require the approval of the Director of Special Education or the IEP Team and shall include a written medical statement signed by the treating physician which specifies:

1. the child's condition
2. the impact of said condition on the child's eligibility to participate in education
3. the anticipated duration or nature of the child's absence from school. (23IAC

Note: Medical statement must be recertified by the treating physician every six weeks.

Section C

If it is determined that home/hospital instruction is necessary, the IEP Team shall develop or revise the child's IEP accordingly and shall provide information as needed by the homebound coordinator to implement the prescribed course of instruction. The amount of instructional or related service time provided through the home/hospital program shall be determined in relation to the child's educational needs and physical and mental health needs. The amount of instructional time shall not be less than five (5) hours per week unless the physician has certified in writing that the child should not receive as many as five (5) hours of instruction in a school week. A child whose home/hospital instruction is being provided by telephone or other technological device shall receive not less than two (2) hours per week of direct instructional services. Services required by the IEP shall be implemented as soon as possible after the school district receives the physician's statement.

Continued enrollment in the district course(s) is predicated on the determination by the Director of Special Education or the IEP Team that the student's classroom attendance, home/hospital instruction, and work completion are sufficient to master the course content. In the event the student is unable to sufficiently master the course content, alternative instruction shall be considered.

Section D

All teachers in the home/hospital instruction program must be state certified and registered at District #225 with the Director of Human Resources. A District #225 teacher may be permitted to provide home/hospital instruction for a student who is in the teacher's class. All teachers providing home/hospital instruction shall remain in communication with the homebound coordinator and shall provide progress reports to said coordinator.

Section E

Home/hospital instruction shall be provided only on days when District #225 is in session unless otherwise agreed to by all parties. Home/hospital instruction shall be provided only during the regular school term. In extraordinary circumstances, the Director of Special Education, may grant an extension for instruction beyond the regular school term. Any extension will be only for the purpose of course completion.

Section F

Home/hospital instruction shall be provided for English, foreign language, mathematics, science and social studies courses and may be provided for other courses when available and approved by the Director of Special Education or the IEP Team.

Section G

Home/hospital instruction shall terminate upon the first to occur of:

1. Alleviation of the medical condition requiring said instruction;
2. Re-entry into the school for in-school instruction;
3. Expiration of the then-current medical certification, or
4. Withdrawal from the district.

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