

## **Homebound Instruction**

The Board authorizes the use of homebound instruction when appropriate. Homebound instruction is for students enrolled in public school and accessing the public school curriculum. Homebound students are required to participate in appropriate state assessments. Application for homebound instruction must be made through the homebound instruction office and must be approved by the superintendent or designee.

Homebound instruction will be provided to:

- Any student with a medical condition who District personnel have determined would benefit from homebound instruction. Such determination will be made in consultation with the student's medical provider.

1. The student's medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, psychiatrist, or psychologist must request the Homebound instruction.
2. An exchange of information release form for the requesting medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, psychiatrist, or psychologist, which has been signed by the parent, guardian (or student who is at least 18 years of age,) must accompany the request.

- Any student whose educational needs, as determined by District staff, are most appropriately and effectively met by homebound instruction.

- Any student with disabilities when the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team determines that homebound placement is appropriate.

The amount of instruction or supportive service provided through the homebound program will be determined in relation to each student's needs and health. At the time the student is placed on homebound services, the administrator will work with the parents/guardians and District personnel to create an appropriate plan for transition back to onsite services.

The District will contract with partner districts to provide homebound instruction to non-disabled students.

For students who are absent from school due to medical reasons, the parents/guardians of the student must arrange a suitable place in the home or community for homebound instruction. A parent, guardian or responsible adult must be present during the period of homebound instruction for students enrolled in school regardless of their age. A responsible adult is a person who is at least 21 years of age and has authorization from the parents/guardians to make educational and medical treatment decisions for the student during the period of homebound instruction.

For students who are absent from school due to suspension/expulsion, homebound instruction must be provided in a suitable place in the community. The decision whether an adult is required to be present during the period of homebound instruction will be made by District personnel, based on the instructional needs of the student and the safety needs of the student and staff.

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Legal Refs: 20 USC §1401(25), §1412.  
*Hendrick Hudson Central Sch. Dist. vs. Rowley*, 458 US 176 (1982).  
*Daniel O. vs. Mo. State Brd of Educ*, 210 F3d 378, (8th Cir. 2000).