



High School District 214
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HOMEBOUND/HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

Homebound/hospital instruction is provided to a student when a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, a licensed physician assistant (PA), or a licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) determines that the student will: (1) be unable to attend school, for medical reasons, for two or more consecutive weeks, or (2) be absent on an ongoing intermittent basis. The term “ongoing intermittent basis” is defined as the student’s medical condition being of such a nature or severity that it is anticipated that the student will be absent for periods of at least 2 days at a time multiple times during the school year totaling at least 10 days or more of absences. A physician’s statement must be provided to the District which states the medical need for student absence and length of time the services should be provided. Once this statement is received by the associate principal for student services, educational services can be arranged. If there is no physician restriction on student attendance, there is no eligibility for home/hospital instruction.

The goal of home/hospital instruction is to afford the student experiences equivalent to those afforded to other students at the same grade level. The substance or content of the instruction, generally academic, is to enable the student to remain synchronized with the other students in their class.

Section 14-13.01a of the School Code states, “Children must regularly receive a minimum of one hour of instruction each school day, or in lieu thereof, a minimum of 5 hours of instruction in each school week...unless the attending physician for such a child has certified that the child should not receive as many as 5 hours of instruction in a school week.”

For more information, reference Board policy 6:150 - Home and Hospital Instruction.