

HOMEBOUND/VISITING TEACHER INSTRUCTION

Subject to applicable State and Federal law, the Board may provide instruction to students of legal school age who are unable to attend classes because of a temporary physical or mental health condition or impairment. In addition, subject to applicable State and Federal law, the District may provide homebound study as part of a program or curriculum modification.

A request for homebound instruction should be placed in writing and include the following information.

- A. The nature of the medical condition;
- B. The anticipated duration;
- C. Present evidence of the student's inability to participate in a school-based educational program;
- D. Indicate whether the student currently has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and, if so, whether the student's parent is requesting for the IEP Team to convene;
- E. Indicate whether the student currently has a Section 504 Plan;
- F. Indicate whether the student should be evaluated for an IEP and/or Section 504 Plan.
- G. Indicate whether the student is or will become a school-age parent;
- H. Indicate whether homebound study is requested as part of a program or curriculum modification.

Requests for homebound instruction will be reviewed and determined by a team of individuals knowledgeable of the student. Determinations may be appealed to the District Administrator, who will issue a decision within ninety (90) calendar days of the team meeting.

Homebound/Visiting Teacher Instruction will be provided by a certified teacher and will commence as soon as practicable after the date of notification. In the case of a student with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan, Homebound/Visiting Teacher instruction will commence per the applicable Plan. The frequency, duration and location of instruction may vary based on a variety of factors (e.g. duration of absence, intensity of impairment/disability, 504 Plan or Individualized Education Plan service). The program of Visiting Teacher/Homebound instruction given to each student shall be in accordance with rules of the Department of Instruction or other appropriate agency.

Where permitted by law, the District reserves the right to withhold recommendation of Visiting Teacher/Homebound instruction when:

- A. The instructor's presence in the place of a student's confinement presents a hazard to the health of the teacher;
- B. A parent or other adult is not home with the student during the hours of instruction;
- C. The condition of the student is such as to preclude his/her benefit from such instruction.

School-Aged Parent

A school-aged parent will be encouraged to remain in a school program with corresponding accommodations for as long as it is medically appropriate. A school-aged parent becomes eligible for homebound/visiting teacher instruction by recommendation of a physician attesting that further school attendance is contraindicated due to medical reasons. A school-aged parent is eligible to receive Homebound/Visiting Teacher instruction to a maximum of 120 calendar days immediately following pregnancy.

The District Administrator shall develop administrative guidelines for implementing the policy.

LEGAL REF.: Chapter 115, Subchapter V, Wisconsin Statutes
Section 118.15(1)

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